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Foreword

It is with great humility that I present to you the 1953 edition of your publication—The Helicon. Indeed it was no easy task to follow such capable editors as have been my predecessors.

In presenting to you this record of your accomplishments—I have been privileged to join with you in the hard work, successes and fun each chapter has experienced. Psi Iota Xi is in each community furthering charitable enterprises, giving cheer to those less fortunate about you.

Deep appreciation is expressed to all those furnishing material and pictures and to all who assisted me in any way in the publishing of this issue. May the deep sense of satisfaction, pride and pleasure which I have experienced be yours in this, our sorority.

Virginia Guisinger



CHI CHAPTER, - Brookston

Top row, 1 to r, Helen Watson, June Anderson, Lorraine Garrot, Ruth May, Bess Conarroe, Kathryn Harmon, Jane Biddle, Alice Shively, Betty Bordner, Marjorie Halstead, Edith Wessner, Matilda Allen, Mary Bordner, Norma Ward, Lillith Davies, Geraldine

Harrington.
Second row, Mary Dahling, Opal May, Gladys Allen, Betty Robinson, Audrey Miller, Bethel Hughes, Anna Harriet Owens, Gladys Derhammer, Margaret Roberts, Laura Rayburn, Minnie McReynolds, Marie North,

Eleanor Oiler, Benlah Mutchler.
Bottom row, Evamae Bibich, June Dimich, Marjorie Parr, Margie Maxwell, Edna Halstead, Freda Maxwell, Jessie Van Camp, Peggy Sims, Dorothy Myers, Nan Derhammer, Patricia Eshelman.

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CHI CHAPTER
OF BROOKSTON, INDIANA
IN RECOGNITION OF THEIR
THIRTY-TWO YEARS OF COMMUNITY
SERVICE AND THE FURTHERING
OF THE IDEALS OF THE
PSI IOTA XI SORORITY*

Grand President's Message

Since 1897 our sorority has pioneered in many cultural and philanthropic programs.

We are equally proud of our associations with the Hoosier Art Salon, the Indianapolis Symphony and our undergraduate and graduate scholarships.

This year we have chosen to go further into the help of the handicapped child in promoting the pre-school speech and hearing kindergarten.

All of these programs seem to support the theme that should guide us for the coming year. "Do good and give pleasure and it will return to you as a blessing."

Mindful of the tremendous responsibility that is mine in accepting the office of Grand President I pledge myself to the duties of the office. With the assistance of the very capable Grand Council and the help and continued cooperation of every chapter I am sure Psi Iota Xi will perpetuate and prosper in the enterprises outlined for us by our founders.

Mary Tyndall

Grand President



MARY TYNDALL



MILDRED PURCELL
Grand Vice-President



DOROTHY DOLES
Grand Secretary



MARIE NORTH
Grand Treasurer



LOU MARTIN
Grand Advisor



EULAH GORBY
Grand Conductress



VIRGINIA GUISENGER
Grand Editor



Grand Officers attending installation of Gamma Sigma Chapter, South Bend. Seated, Lou Martin; standing left to right: Mary Tyndall, Mary Krebser, Mildred Purcell, Eulah Gorby, Marie North, Dorothy Doles, Helen Ruddell, Nancy Ellis Clay (Mrs. Harry) Past Grand President from Epsilon Chapter, Columbus.

Chapter Roll

NORTHERN PROVINCE

Kappa, Kokomo.....	1908	Beta Delta, Van Wert, Ohio	1929
Rho, Angola	1916	Beta Epsilon, Mentone.....	1929
Pi, Fort Wayne.....	1919	Delta Gamma, Fort Wayne	1930
Phi, Huntington.....	1920	Beta Nu, East Chicago.....	1934
Chi, Brookston	1921	Beta Xi, Crown Point	1934
Alpha Delta, Decatur	1922	Beta Rho, Goshen.....	1935
Alpha Eta, Bluffton	1923	Beta Psi, Delphi.....	1939
Alpha Mu, Hartford City	1925	Delta Zeta, Lafayette.....	1940
Alpha Nu, Markle.. ..	1925	Gamma Beta, Remington.....	1941
Alpha Xi, Logansport.....	1925	Gamma Zeta, Ossian.....	1945
Alpha Rho, Garrett	1926	Gamma Kappa, Brook	1949
Beta Alpha, Flora.....	1928	Gamma Mu, Lafayette.....	1950
Beta Gamma, Peru.....	1929	Gamma Omicron, Montpelier, Ohio	1952
Gamma Sigma, South Bend		1953	

CENTRAL PROVINCE

Alpha, Muncie	1897	Beta Iota, Farmland.....	1932
Delta, Indianapolis	1904	Beta Pi, Cambridge City.....	1935
Theta, New Castle.....	1908	Beta Tau, Frankfort.....	1936
Upsilon, Greenfield	1920	Beta Upsilon, Mt. Vernon, Ohio....	1937
Omega, Lebanon	1921	Delta Epsilon, Muncie.....	1937
Alpha Zeta, Thorntown.....	1923	Beta Chi, Waynetown.....	1939
Alpha Iota, Richmond.....	1924	Gamma Alpha, Portland.....	1940
Alpha Lambda, Zionsville	1924	Gamma Delta, Attica.....	1941
Alpha Phi, Fortville.....	1928	Gamma Epsilon, Covington	1944
Alpha Chi, Hagerstown	1928	Gamma Eta, Knightstown.....	1946
Delta Beta, Indianapolis.....	1929	Delta Chi, Washington, D. C.....	1947
Beta Zeta, Summitville....	1930	Gamma Theta, Speedway City....	1948
Beta Eta, Centerville	1930	Gamma Nu, Brownsburg.....	1951
Beta Theta, Eaton....	1931	Gamma Xi, Crawfordsville.....	1951
Gamma Pi, Indianapolis.....		1952	

SOUTHERN PROVINCE

Epsilon, Columbus.....	1904	Alpha Upsilon, West Baden	1927
Zeta, Bloomington	1906	Alpha Psi, Washington	1928
Iota, Rushville	1908	Alpha Omega, North Vernon.....	1928
Sigma, Greensburg	1917	Beta Beta, Sullivan....	1928
Alpha Beta, Seymour	1922	Beta Kappa, Bloomfield	1933
Alpha Epsilon, Jeffersonville.....	1923	Beta Lambda, Bedford.....	1933
Alpha Theta, Charlestown.....	1923	Beta Mu, Brownstown.....	1933
Alpha Kappa, Franklin	1924	Beta Omega, New Albany	1934
Alpha Omicron, Vincennes.....	1926	Beta Sigma, Austin.....	1935
Alpha Pi, Scottsburg	1926	Beta Phi, Shelbyville.....	1938
Alpha Sigma, Princeton.....	1926	Gamma Iota, Shoals.....	1948
Alpha Tau, Petersburg.....	1927	Gamma Lambda, Paris Crossing..	1949
Gamma Rho, Linton.....		1952	

OFFICIAL STATIONER

Mrs. Everett Brown..... 207 W. 44th St., Indianapolis, Indiana

OFFICIAL JEWELER

Meyer and Alexander, Marion, Indiana

Chi Chapter -- Brookston



Group picture of Chi Chapter taken in 1923, from left to right:
Top row, Kathleen Miller, Mary Kent Halstead, Alice Kent, Kathryn Bordner Jeanne Coopman.

Second row: Cora Halstead, Jessie Van Camp, Gertrude Clarke, Bess Conarroe, Edna Halstead

Bottom row: Wilma Emerson, Freda Maxwell, Faye Cochran, Harriette McCully, Ruth Allen.

History of Chi

You have wondered why and how our asking how to proceed.
sorority was organized?

Anything viewed in retrospect is not
just as it really was.

Does anything happen by chance?

We know how quickly a mushroom
springs up, but we do not know how long
the seed has been germinating.

We had been attending a sewing club
party on a June afternoon in 1920. The
meeting was pleasant, the sewing was not
taken too seriously, and our minds appar-
ently were occupied with trivia.

But I think that subconsciously each of
us was striving for something better.

I am sure that was the case with three
of us, for as Carolyn Bowman, Emma Carr
and myself (Freda Maxwell) were walking
home that day, for seemingly an idea that
had been germinating in our minds, sprang
out like a mushroom as all three of us al-
most at once sang out, "Why don't we or-
ganize a different kind of a club — one
that will be more worthwhile, something
that will really benefit us and others too?"

We had heard that Tri Kappa had re-
cently been organized in Delphi, so we
said, "Why don't we try for Psi Iota Xi?"
There was "Tau" Chapter in Lafayette,
Emma knew one of the members there, so
Carolyn and I insisted that she write to her

asking how to proceed.

The girls of that chapter were very help-
ful and encouraging, they with the grand
officers took full charge.

We at once formed a small group and
called ourselves "Chi Thetas." Emma Carr,
Carolyn Bowman, Gertrude Clark, Wilma
Emerson, Jessie VanCamp, Edna Halstead,
Faye Cochran, Harriet McCully, Beulah
Kayser, and Freda Maxwell were the char-
ter members to be - with Kathryn Bordner,
Alice Kent and Cora Halstead the patron-
esses.

We had a great time that year working
and planning, until finally the great day
came May 7, 1921, when we became "Chi"
Chapter of Psi Iota Xi.

Our first pledges were Joy Brackney,
Matilda Allen, Jean Coopman, Rella Mc-
Allister, Catharine Shirk and Dorothy Car-
son.

We started our money making plan that
first year by having a food stand at our
street fair, following that throughout the
winter we had benefit card parties, the
first to be had in our town, to which huge
crowds came.

Our chapter has been a powerful factor
in the accomplishment of worthy work in
the town as well as one of the leading
social circles in the community.



Lou Martin and Marie North
at Tea honoring Marie - 1952

We feel that we have made a great stride in the years gone by — we have done all kinds of charity work, we have given to needy families, have made it possible for the undernourished school children to have hot lunches. We have given cheer baskets to many "shut ins" at Christmas time.

We have always aided in the Red Cross, the Polio and T. B. Drives.

We have sent food and clothing to a Belgium family of eight for several years. We have sponsored the Girl Scouts for some time.

Each year an award has been given to the local high school senior girl with the highest four year average in English.

What have we been doing to make money for all these projects?

We have had rummage sales, bake sales, have served dinners to various organizations, had benefit dances, have sold chances on cedar chests, had a community sale, fish fry, sold pottery and other gadgets.

We compiled a cook book which netted us a nice sum.

We sponsored a minstrel show, it was a lot of fun and was a profitable enterprise.

Best of all we own two corn poppers, and have made a large amount each summer at band concerts, free shows, ball games, the Hallowe'en Carnival — at all other affairs the town sponsors.

We were proud to be hostess to the National Convention in 1950 — when we entertained at the Union Building on the Purdue Campus in West Lafayette

The following fall we had a luncheon for the Northern Province Meeting at the Lafayette Country Club — at which time Al Stewart and his famous Purdue Glee Club sang a group of songs.

This year of 1953 has been the high light in our earning career. During the week of the Centennial celebration just past we cleared over five hundred dollars on our cookie and popcorn sales. We will also popcorn and bake cookies at the 4-H Fair in Reynolds in August.

We own our beautiful Sorority House which we purchased from a church that no longer had meetings — for which we are justly proud.

At the present time we have sixty-two active members including three charter members; Edna Halstead, Jessie VanCamp and Freda Maxwell.

From our chapter Irene Maxwell has been province chairman — Mary Kent Halstead was grand conductress.

At this time our pride and joy is our lovely and talented Marie North, who has been province chairman — and now is a member of the Grand Council serving for the second year as Grand Treasurer.

We know this year will be a successful and happy one with Eleanor Oilar as president, as she is very capable, clear sighted and will accomplish much.

Besides all the charity work we have been called upon to do, we have always tried to have an interesting program at our meetings, for you know we stand for good music and literature, and for developing ourselves, socially, morally and intellectually.

"Coming together is a beginning,
Keeping together is progress,
Working together is success."

THE COMMUNITY HOUSE

The red brick structure which is now the Community House of Chi Chapter was originally a church, erected in 1891 by the Universalist Convention of Indiana, which had formed a congregation in Brookston in 1881. About twenty-five years later the church was closed, the members having gradually become affiliated with other denominations. It stood idle for four or five years.

In 1923, through the generosity of Mrs. Ruth French, the building became the property of Chi Chapter. She donated to the girls \$500, \$100 of which was paid to the Universalist Convention. Certain stipulations were attached to the transaction. It was agreed that the sorority should make repairs, pay all assessments and taxes, and not allow the building to deteriorate; upon request permit the Universalist Convention to hold meetings there, and if at any time the sorority should disband the building should revert to the Universalist Convention.

Many changes were made soon after that. Such furnishings as were not needed were sold and the proceeds used to improve the building. The floor was made level and a partition added to form a kitchen and



Community House of Chi Chapter

storeroom; later, a hard wood floor was added. In more recent years a new roof became necessary, the ceiling was lowered, new lighting fixtures installed, and the walls were redecorated. Just last year a large oil burning heater was purchased to replace the old coal stove. The kitchen is equipped with city water, a gas stove, dishes and utensils for the use of those in the building.

Since Chi Chapter has increased in membership all meetings are held in the Community House. Other organizations use it for parties, club meetings, etc. during the year, each group giving a donation toward the upkeep. The free movies are shown on the lawn at the rear of the building during the summer months.

The members of Chi Chapter are proud of this building and are ever striving to improve it, to make it truly a "Community House".

BROOKSTON HOSTESS TO 1950 CONVENTION

Around 350 members of Psi Iota Xi Sorority registered at the Purdue Union Building in West Lafayette for the 47th annual two day national convention of the organization.

After the business session on Friday afternoon a tour of the Purdue campus and buildings was enjoyed by the delegates.

Decorations for the dinner that evening followed the theme "literature". The unique centerpieces for the table of Grand Council was a number of books flanked by pottery book ends filled with flowers. Crested ear rings in small boxes shaped like books marked the places of sorority members.

Following the dinner the group was entertained in Eliza Fowler Hall by members of the Little Theatre Players presenting "Years Ago".

Table decorations at the Saturday luncheon followed the theme of "art". Gold palettes holding floral arrangements centered the tables and pottery lotus buds were given as favors.

At the formal dinner on Saturday evening "music" was the theme of the decorations for the final get-together.

Turquoise candles tied with gold ribbon and yellow flowers lined the tables. Blue and gold musical notes were scattered on the tables. Favors were miniature grand piano jewel boxes of gold filigree bearing the sorority crest. Bouquets for the table of the Grand Council and corsages for the council members were in the shape of musical notes.

Bridge and dancing with Bob Kelley and his orchestra provided the entertainment Saturday evening.



Chi Chapter, Hostess of 1950 Convention

CHI CHAPTER HOSTESS TO NORTHERN PROVINCE MEETING

On October 13, 1951 Chi Chapter graciously entertained all chapters of Northern Province and grand officers with Marie North, Northern Province Chairman, acting as official hostess.

Before the opening session a "coffee hour" was enjoyed with old and new friends meeting.

Gorgeous bronze and gold mums tied with ribbons formed the colorful table decorations and were given as corsages to the guests. Attractive pottery baskets were presented to grand officers.

Preceding the afternoon session a most entertaining program was presented by the Purdue Glee Club under the direction of Al Stewart.



Eleanor Oilar, president of Chi Chapter,
and daughter, Ann

CHI CHAPTER PARTICIPATES IN BROOKSTON CENTENNIAL

Always active in community undertakings, Chi Chapter is proud of her part in the Centennial celebration.

The beautiful float for the parade, made by our nine pledges, we are proud to say won 8th place. Two of the pledges rode on it—June Dimich and her little daughter, Diane, dressed in 1953 outfit; Margie



Members of Chi Chapter
in Centennial Costume

Maxwell and Janice Owens, the small daughter of another member, wore their centennial regalia.

Then, too, we had charge of the advance ticket sale for the queen contest.

Pauline Richardson, a pledge, was "Miss Columbia"; Dorothy Myers, another one of the new girls, was an attendant to the queen.

Bess Thompson, one of our long time members, won first prize having the best all around centennial costume.

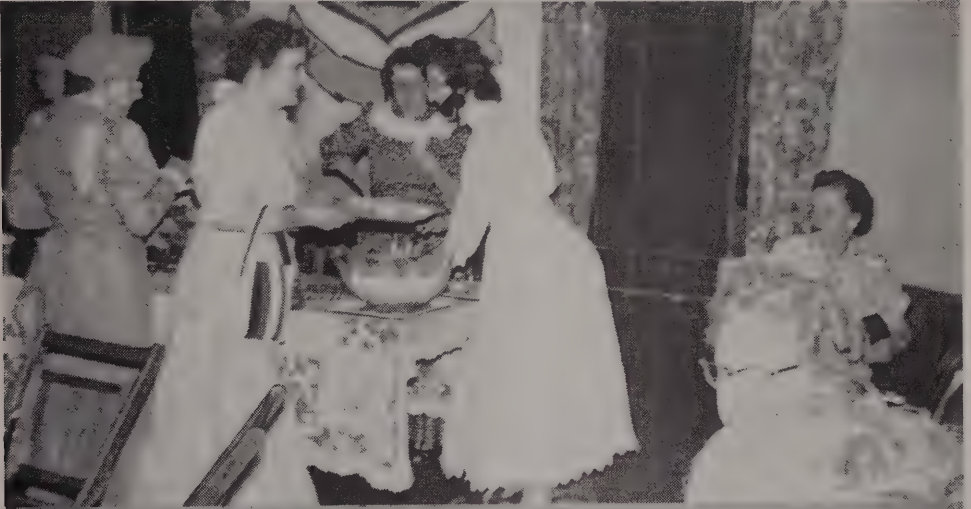
A number of our members took part in the "Prairie Land Pageant" that was given every night of the week. This was a wonderful portrayal of the history of our town from the founding to the present time.

The sale of cookies, popcorn and pop at the two concession stands kept many members busy.

But after noting the net receipts, all felt amply rewarded and it was a worthwhile project.



Psi Ote Margaret Roberts takes a ride



Members of Chi Chapter at Brookston Centennial



In Memoriam

(A beautiful service in memory of the deceased members of Psi Iota Xi, arranged by Mrs. William H. Sears, was given by Beta Lambda Chapter, Bedford, at the 1953 National Convention in Bloomington.

Mrs. Warren North sang "The Lord's Prayer".

So capably prepared, so thoughtfully presented, this tribute expresses for us that which we feel for our deceased members. The following words are taken from the impressive ceremony).

It is only fitting and proper to pause, in our convention proceedings, at this time, to pay honor and respect to those who are no longer with us. Their absence today has added a spiritual quality to this great convention.

As we light the candles in memory of those who can never be with us again, may the flames keep a light in our hearts for them and the spirit conquer the challenges to come. May I quote the challenge of the poet who said:

Here hath been dawning,
Another blue day,
Think, wilt thou let it
Slip useless away?
Out of eternity,
This new day was born.
Into eternity,
At night shall return.
So here hath been dawning,
Another blue day.
Think, wilt thou let it
Slip useless away?

DOROTHY BUCKLEY Bloomington

Bloomington friends were saddened and shocked by the news of the death in November 1952 of Dorothy Buckley, wife of Dr. Wallace T. Buckley, who with their daughter, Kay, survive her in Pullman Washington. Dr. Buckley is a Professor of Geography at Washington State College in Pullman. While Professor Buckley was at Indiana University from 1936 to 1947, Dorothy was a devoted and enthusiastic member of Zeta Chapter. Her many friends

in Bloomington will remember her for her friendliness, spontaneous wit and sincere charm.



FLOSSIE HEDGES Bloomington

Zeta Chapter of Bloomington was deeply saddened by the loss of Flossie Hedges on December 20, 1952. She is survived by her husband, J. Edward Hedges, Insurance Professor at Indiana University; two daughters, Audree and Harriet, and a son, John.

Mrs. Hedges was the daughter of a Methodist minister and was born in Inwood, Iowa. She attended Baker University in Baldwin, Kansas, where she met her husband. They were married in Kansas City in 1929 and they came to Bloomington in 1940 from Atlanta, Georgia.

Although only 43 years old Flossie accomplished far more than most people do in a greater span of life. No job was too great for her and she did everything unusually well. Mrs. Hedges was presented

in "Meet the Women" series of the Star-Courier in 1951 which featured her versatility of both artistic and practical talents. At the time of her death she was on leave of absence as a secretary in the School of Education at Indiana University.

Flossie was ill for a year and she bore her illness with such courage that friends visiting her were cheered by her hope and deep religious faith.

We of Zeta Chapter cherish the memory of Flossie Hedges and are grateful for having known and worked with one as capable, as talented and as courageous.



MRS. O. C. HIGGINS
Lebanon

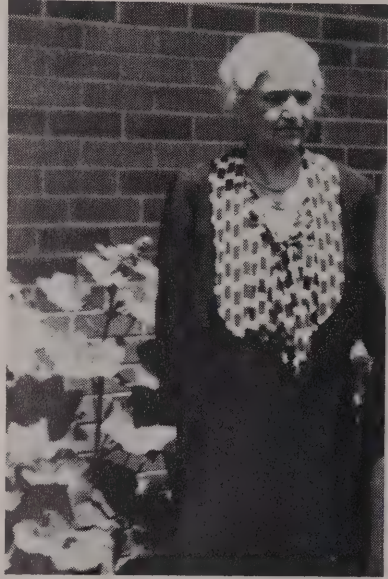
The hearts of Omega Chapter are deeply saddened at the passing of one of our beloved patronesses, Mrs. O. C. Higgins, who died in April of this year. Mrs. Higgins was with Psi Ote from almost the beginning of Omega Chapter and was active as long as she was physically able. She gave so generously of her time, and appreciated so much being associated with Psi Iota Xi. She had one daughter, Miss Ocie Higgins, and a daughter-in-law, Mrs. Eugene Higgins, who are members of our chapter. We do extend our sympathy to her family.

JESSIE KIGER
Charlestown

Alpha Theta Chapter of Psi Iota Xi was greatly bereaved over the death of Jessie Kiger at her home June 2, 1953.

She became a Psi Ote in 1924 shortly after the chapter was organized and was active until ill health prevented her active attendance at all sorority activities. Even then her interest did not stop, and her generosity was shown in many ways.

Sympathy of all is extended to her brother, Claude Kiger of Bowling Green,



Ohio, and to her aunt, Mrs. Henrietta Yager, who made her home with Jessie and who was a patroness of the chapter.

MARIE FULLER VANDIVIER
Franklin

Alpha Kappa Chapter was saddened by the death of one of its honorary members, Marie Vandivier.

Marie was born April 24, 1892, and after having been in the millinery business for a number of years, was married to Clancy Vandivier on July 5, 1919.

She had been a member of Alpha Kappa Chapter for many years, and until her death on September 4, 1952, had always given generously to Psi Ote.

DOLLY FULTON
Summitville

Beta Zeta Chapter and the entire community was saddened by the death of Dolly Fulton January 12, 1953 at Ball Memorial Hospital following a short illness and surgery. She is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Phema Miller, a Psi Ote, and Mrs. Eva Poulton; two brothers, Thomas C. Fulton of Lancaster, Ohio and Howard B. Fulton of Los Angeles, two nephews and four nieces.

Dolly, one of our charter members, was a devoted sorority member for twenty-three years. She served her community as teacher of the first grade for forty-seven years as well as teaching a class in the Methodist Sunday School and holding various departmental offices. She was a member of the Eastern Star, American Legion Auxiliary, Waupakoneta Club and Past Matron's Club.

Her sweet disposition and ever present smile won the affection of all, particularly the children with whom she came in contact. Everyone misses Dolly, for all loved



her—

"Whether we're on the sea or the land,
We all must go at the Word of His
Command."



ESSIE CATT
Washington

The members of Alpha Psi Chapter, as well as the entire community, were deeply saddened by the sudden death of Essie Catt on October 15, 1952. Survivors include her husband, a son and a grandson.

Her interest in people and in the life of the community found expression in her work in various organizations. She was an active worker in the Methodist Church,

which held her membership. Also she belonged to the Browning Club, a literary club, the Washington Garden Club and the Eastern Star of which she was a Past Matron.

Besides these, she had served as president of the local Psi Ote chapter one year, and was one of its most loyal and active members. A quiet and unassuming person, Essie will continue to live in our memories because of her high ideals and her conscientious adherence to responsibility.



CHARLOTTE KERLIN
Sullivan

Charlotte was a charter member and a past president of Beta Beta Chapter and served creditably and willingly at all times. Although she had been an Honorary Member for a number of years, her zeal carried her over into the activities of the active chapter. We, the members of Beta Beta, are particularly grateful to her for the successful arrangements of the program of our 25th anniversary, which is a lasting memorial to her brilliant mind.

"They are passing away, these dear
old friends

Like a leaf on the current cast,
With never a break in the rapid flow
We watch them as one by one they go
Into the beautiful past."

DARREL JEAN BRITTON
Peru

Mrs. Richard Britton before her marriage was Darrel Jean Boyer and became a Psi Ote June 8, 1933. Prior to her marriage on August 17, 1941 she was employed by Montgomery-Ward. In 1942 she and her husband moved to Mishawaka where he is office manager for Norwalk Trucking Company. Darrel Jean died of complica-

tions at the age of thirty-six. Besides the husband she is survived by a nine year old son.

To know Darrel Jean was to love her and our prayer is for her eternal happiness.



LENNABEL DOUD

Peru

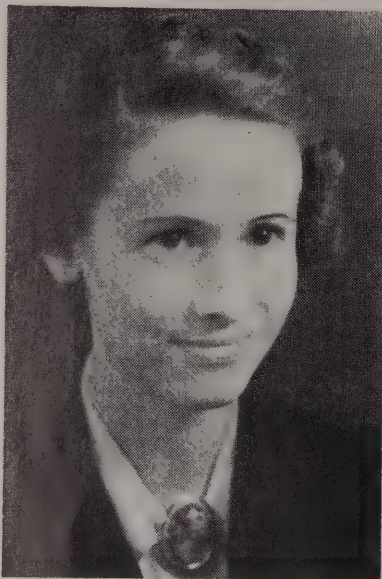
Mrs. Lennabel Cathcart Doud was a charter member of Beta Gamma which was organized in June 1929. It was with the assistance of Lennabel's mother that the local chapter of Psi Ote was founded. Lennabel attended Franklin College and received her degree from Manchester College. She taught school until her marriage to Wilbert W. Doud in June 1937. Her husband was an horticulturist and she assisted him in an apple orchard business until his death in the fall of 1946. Again Lennabel resumed her teaching and followed this profession until she was suddenly stricken with polio and died in November 1952. Lennabel is survived by her parents, two daughters and a step-son.

Our deepest sympathy goes to all members of the family for we too shall miss her greatly.

ISABEL REDMON

Peru

Beta Gamma Chapter and the community at large were deeply stirred by the tragic death of Mrs. George Redmon. She was initiated in Beta Gamma June 7, 1835 as Isabel Long. Isabel was corresponding secretary during 1937-38 and was always more than willing to work for Psi Ote. She found it necessary to become inactive in November 1951 after she and her husband had taken over a restaurant in Peru. Isabel lost her life in an automobile accident March 18, 1953 which also involved



her husband, two children, mother, father and mother-in-law.

She will always be remembered as a sweet and charming person—her passing will be a deeply felt loss to our community.



BEULAH COLLINS

East Chicago

Beta Mu Chapter deeply mourns the loss of one of its charter members, Mrs. W. J. (Beulah) Collins, who died July 28, 1853. Beulah was a loyal and conscientious member of Psi Iota Xi.

Always interested in community activities, she took an active part in the American Legion Auxiliary having served as unit, district and department secretary; 40 & 8 Group of American Legion and

Girls State activities. For many years she sang in the choir of the Methodist church and was an officer of the Women's Society of Christian Service.

We of Beta Mu cherish the memory of her and will be eternally grateful for having known and associated with one so loyal.

EVALEE GOODBUB

New Albany

Beta Omega Chapter deeply mourns the passing of Evalée Goodbub, who died on October 18, 1952 after a prolonged illness. Evalée was president of Beta Omega in 1950-1951 and devoted countless hours and energy to the work of the sorority in her capacity as president and on various committees while in Psi Ote. Her death is a terrible loss not only to our chapter but to the whole community as she took an active part in many local clubs and organizations.



WAVA TYLER WILLIAMS
Goshen

Beta Rho Chapter of Goshen deeply mourns the passing of Wava Tyler Williams, who succumbed to a long and painful illness March 21, 1953.

Wava was a charter member of Beta Rho and served most capably as president 1946-1947, during which time she presided at the Northern Province luncheon.

Interested always in the progress of her chapter, Wava was active in all of their functions as long as she was physically able. In 1945 and 1946, serving as co-chairman along with Lou Martin, she was responsible for much of the success of one of Beta Rho's most difficult projects, the food booth at Elkhart county fair.

Psi Ote, however, was not the only bene-

factor of her dependable support. She gave volunteer service just as willingly to her church and community.

Wanda Holtzinger, sister, and Jeanette Tyler, sister-in-law, are also members of Beta Rho.

Wava's friendliness and enthusiasm will stand as a memorial. We extend our deepest sympathy to her husband, Lloyd, her daughter, Judy and to her many friends who will miss her.



SAMANTHA BURT DARST
Crawfordsville

Our hearts were saddened by the death of one of our charter members, Samantha Burt Darst. Sammy, as we all called her, passed away August 22, 1952 after an extended illness. She is survived by the husband, Louis C., principal of Crawfordsville Senior High School, a son, Richard, and a daughter, Martha Jo.

Sammy was a graduate of Ball State Teachers College and a former Psi Ote from Rushville.

She was a willing worker in church and civic affairs and gave generously of her time to family and friends even during her illness. She will not only be deeply mourned by her Psi Ote sisters but by the entire community in which she lived.

Gamma Xi extends our deepest sympathy to all her family. We, too, loved her.

Philanthropic Projects



NEVA MORIORTY
Philanthropic Chairman

Reports and letters pertaining to our projects this past year and those for the coming year, present to each of you the very worthwhile program which our sorority has chosen to sponsor. It is such accomplishments as these that make us so very proud of our sorority. We can feel our efforts are well rewarded. With chapters showing so much interest and responding to their obligations so willingly, Psi Iota Xi will have another successful year.

—The Editor

THE BALL STATE SUMMER BOARDING CLINIC

Ball State Teachers College continued to hold its usual summer clinic for speech and hearing handicapped children. The 1953 summer school was again sponsored jointly by Ball State and Psi Iota Xi Sorority. The college provided for instructional costs while the sorority paid the living expenses of the children in one of the college dormitories.

Children came to Ball State from different sections of Indiana. The children for the 1953 summer clinic were:

Judy Stern, Lebanon
sponsored by Lebanon
Stephan Zimmerman, Rushville
sponsored by Rushville
William Miller, Michigan City
sponsored by East Chicago
Edna Hunt, Rushville
sponsored by Rushville
Martha George, Auburn
sponsored by Garrett
Jackie Hill, Fountain City
sponsored by Bluffton
Barbara Chappell, Michigan City
sponsored by East Chicago
Bobby Glass, Eaton
sponsored by Eaton
Susan McCarty, Anderson
sponsored by Fortville
Bobby Reel, Marion
sponsored by Ossian
Cynthia Pease, Fort Wayne
sponsored by Fort Wayne
Sandra Marshall, Anderson
sponsored by Sullivan
Woody Nine, Fort Wayne
sponsored by Fort Wayne
James Samuels, Anderson
sponsored by Summitville
Bobby Reel, Marion
sponsored by Decatur
Carolyn Gould, Decatur
sponsored by Decatur
Billy Hall, Cambridge City
sponsored by Goshen
Reed Coffman, Liberty
sponsored by Bluffton
Gary Kinder, Kokomo
sponsored by Kokomo

Ball State has two five weeks summer terms. The first ten children attended the first term which closed July 10 and the rest attended the second summer term from July 15 until August 14. One of the children was on the campus for both terms. Other children, not sponsored by Psi Iota Xi, came in for daily lessons.

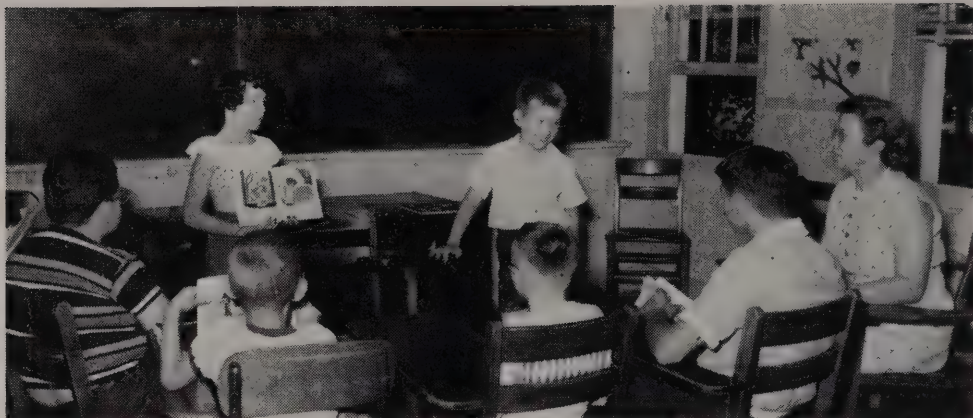
Their difficulties range from baby talk to bad articulation or stuttering or no conversational speech, faulty hearing or cerebral palsy.

The children who are hard of hearing are taught lip reading and other audio aids. Various other techniques are used on those with different defects.

The college students do much of the work with the children but are under the constant supervision of college staff members.

The college instructors for first summer term were:

Mrs. Roma Hayworth Thiry
Mrs. Marie Whitecotton, Marion Public



Group of children under the direction of one of the summer staff members, Mrs. Marie Whitecotton, speech therapist for Marion public schools.

Schools.

Miss Mary Jaeger.

Dr. Alan Huckleberry.

The staff for second summer term were:

Miss Mary Jaeger.

Miss Lois Norton, Santa Anna, Calif.

Miss Carlee Kennedy.

Dr. Alan Huckleberry.

Many members of Psi Iota Xi were able to visit the campus during the 1953 summer. On July 1st, twenty-nine Psi Otes spent a hot, humid and stormy day sitting in on lessons, holding conferences with staff members, and attending a luncheon which was held in the Ball State Student Center. The ten Indiana chapters represented were: Centerville, Farmland, Muncie, Summitville, Delphi, Bluffton, North Vernon, Greenfield, Brook and Fort Wayne.

Any member of Psi Iota Xi, or any citizen of Indiana, is certainly invited to visit a summer clinic at any time. We are all working together to train teachers for and

to help the handicapped children of our society.

ALAN W. HUCKLEBERRY,
Director.

Special Education and Clinics

One of the interesting and certainly gratifying ways individual chapters can participate in our national project at Ball State, the summer speech and hearing boarding clinic, is to provide the \$10.00 spending money for one of the twenty children who attend the two sessions. The money provides for daily treats, craft materials, small toilet articles the youngsters forget, special parties and the like.

This year the following chapters provided the money for the youngsters: Beta Theta, Eaton; Alpha Rho, Garrett; Omega, Lebanon; Iota, Rushville; Beta Nu, East Chicago; Alpha Phi, Fortville; Phi, Huntington; Gamma Zeta, Ossian; Pi and Delta Gamma, Fort Wayne; Beta Beta, Sullivan; Beta Zeta, Summitville; Alpha Delta, Decatur; Beta Rho, Goshen; Alpha Eta, Bluffton and Kappa, Kokomo.

Sometimes the youngsters are from the towns where the chapters are located, more often, they come from surrounding communities. The chapter who "adopts" a child by providing the spending money, receives a report from Ball State and in this way becomes more closely allied with one of our major projects. Psi Ote nationally spends \$1450.00 annually to pay for the board and room for the speech and hearing handicapped youngsters who attend the Summer Clinic.

My first job as Philanthropic Chairman after the June convention was contacting chapters for the \$10.00 spending money. I was extremely gratified and thoroughly pleased with the heartwarming manner in which Psi Otes all over the state rallied to the job of lending a helping hand. In less than three weeks, all twenty of the



Group of children being helped by one of the student speech therapists of Ball State Teachers College.

youngsters were sponsored. With that kind of co-operation I can see nothing but the greatest success in our program to help the handicapped child.

—Philanthropic Chairman

AT INDIANA STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE

By Rutherford B. Porter

Psi Iota Xi's clinical assistantship at the Special Education Clinic of Indiana State Teachers College was held this year by Evelyn Egloff. Miss Egloff, a native of Indiana, earned both her bachelor's and master's degree in special education and holds certificates in speech correction, hearing therapy, and education of physically handicapped.

This year as clinical assistant she worked as a psychometrist and play therapist under the supervision of the clinic staff. Miss Egloff would classify the work as training and experience but the parents and teachers concerned would consider it professional and most helpful in solving their problems. Without the financial support of Psi Iota Xi much of this help to parents could not have been given because the number of referrals to the Special Education Clinic is much greater than can be handled by the regular staff.

Next year Miss Egloff will be employed as speech correctionist in the Frankfort Public Schools and her influence on helping the handicapped will continue in Indiana.

Psi Iota Xi has accomplished two objectives: first, encouraged a capable student to become better trained, and second, through this training provided help directly where it is needed to the children and their parents.



EVELYN EGLOFF

Carbon, Indiana
July 28, 1953

Dear Mrs. Lawson,

It is with great appreciation and thanks that I am writing to express my gratitude for the wonderful opportunity afforded me this past year through the help of the Psi Iota Xi Sorority. It has been a very pleasant and educational experience working with Dr. Porter and his staff. The clinical work has been most helpful to me as well as interesting.

Your chapter may be interested to know that I shall be in the Frankfort school system serving in the capacity of a speech correctionist this coming school year. I am anxiously looking forward to my work there especially since the Frankfort chapter of Psi Iota Xi has also helped me in gaining my education by awarding me a scholarship during my senior year at Indiana State.

Thank you again for helping to make my graduate assistantship possible in the Special Education Department.

Sincerely yours,
EVELYN EGLOFF.

May 19, 1953

My dear Mrs. Lawson:

At this time I would like to thank the members of Psi Iota Xi for the scholarship which was presented to me by the Speech Science faculty at Ohio State University. I am humbly appreciative of the opportunity which this scholarship affords me.

To realize there are organizations such as yours interested in speech therapy is very gratifying and encouraging not only to us students, but to the faculty as well. Therefore, I will sincerely try to do my very best and live up to the faith that has been placed in me.

Sincerely yours,
SHARON McDANIEL

My dear Mrs. Moriarty:

Thank you very much for our letter concerning the scholarship for the speech and hearing students next year. We are very happy to learn that you have increased the scholarship from \$100.00 to \$220.00.

With the increase in the scholarship the student can give the equivalent of fifteen hours of work each week during the summer quarter, which lasts for three months. We maintain an out-patient clinic through which the student can serve. The classes range from articulation to stuttering, and sometimes there will be work with adults who are hard of hearing, or who may be handicapped through the loss of vocal cords. For the most part this course will be concerned with children who cannot afford to pay fees.

If you need further information we shall be glad to furnish it to you. Let us thank you again for your excellent help with our

clinical work.

Yours sincerely,
RUTH B. IRWIN,
Speech and Hearing Clinic,
The Ohio State University,
Columbus, Ohio

Dear Mrs. Tyndall:

We wish to thank the Psi Iota Xi Sorority for their two thousand dollar appropriation which will permit us to continue our kindergarten for hard of hearing and deaf children.

We feel that our work with pre-school children is particularly important because it is in these years, when children with normal hearing are learning speech, that the hard of hearing child especially needs help. Research studies consistently show that hard of hearing children who receive pre-school training attend schools of higher learning in the same proportion as normal hearing children; whereas hard of hearing children who wait until school age to receive such training seldom go beyond the eighth grade.

We are always happy to have visitors in the kindergarten and extend to each of you an invitation any time you are in vicinity of Indianapolis.

Thanking you again for your kind generosity.

Very truly yours,
DOROTHY J. FUNK,
Executive Director
Indianapolis Speech and
Hearing Center

July 14, 1953

My dear Mrs. Moriarty:

Indiana University's Division of Social Service wishes to express its sincere appreciation to Psi Iota Xi Sorority for the two scholarships set up for the year 1953-1954 for the training of psychiatric social workers.

Both in hospitals and clinics the psychiatric worker is a valuable member of a team which includes the psychiatrist, psychologists and psychiatric nurse. More psychiatric services can mean the conservation of mental health.

For too many years the care of patients in some State Hospitals has been largely custodial because of the lack of sufficient staff. This means that often patients have spent long years in hospitals because they did not have the benefit of early diagnosis and treatment which would have permitted them to return to their own homes.

At the present time there is a grave shortage of psychiatric social workers and there are scores of positions open which cannot be filled because of a lack of qualified personnel. National Psi Iota Xi's request that the recipients "return and serve" is wise in view of Indiana's current needs.

Psi Iota Xi has an enviable reputation for community service, and this new project of two five-hundred-dollar scholarships

for persons preparing for psychiatric social work in Indiana is another valuable contribution to the field of mental health.

Please accept our thanks for your generosity in establishing these two scholarships.

Very sincerely,
MARY HOUK,
Director

June 29, 1953

My dear Mrs. Moriarty:

We are very pleased indeed to acknowledge the receipt of your check for \$50.00 which covers payment of five memberships of your Grand Council, as listed in your letter of June 26th. We have sent Patron Membership cards to each of the other four Grand Officers and enclose one issued to you, expiring June 1954.

We sincerely appreciate the interest and support of Psi Iota Xi Sorority and thank all of the members for their fine cooperation.

We hope our relationship will continue to flourish through the years and wish to express our personal regard for all of you.

Cordially inviting you and your friends to visit the galleries at any time, we are, with best wishes,

Most sincerely yours,
HOOSIER SALON
PATRONS ASSOCIATION
Mrs. Leonidas F. Smith,
Executive Chairman.



VIVIAN EILEEN SNYDER

July 27, 1953

Dear Psi Iota Xi,

I wish to thank the organization for having made it possible to receive my

scholarship. With this award I have been encouraged to continue my education in the field of Art.

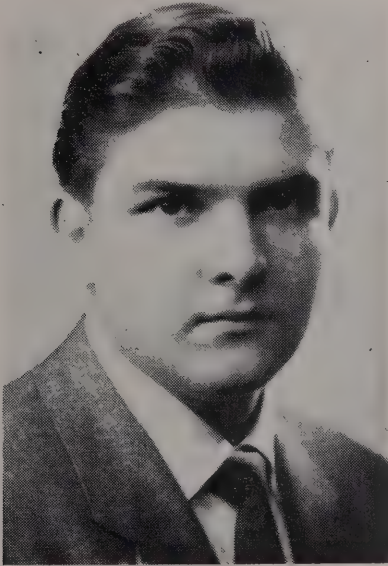
I am entering the Dayton Art Institute this fall, in Dayton, Ohio, September 28th. I'm very interested and enthused about attending this art school.

Thanks again, very much.

Yours truly,

VIVIAN EILEEN SNYDER

(Vivian is winner of the \$200.00 Indiana Regional Psi Iota Xi Scholarship through National Scholastic.)



DON SCHWEIKERT

April 17, 1953

Psi Iota Xi:

I wish to express my deep appreciation for having been selected by Psi Iota Xi jury as the recipient of your Art Fund Scholarship Award.

You will be interested in knowing that I have won a one year scholarship to the Cleveland Art Institute in the same National Scholastic Contest that I received your award. You may rest assured I will use your award toward the purchase of supplies, which are expensive items, and for which the National Scholarship makes no provision.

I hope you will follow my career at the art school and I am sure that I will fulfill your scholarship award.

In conclusion, I would like to state that what you are doing for art in the Cleveland area is greatly needed. Please feel free to call upon me for an exhibition.

Sincerely yours,

DON SCHWEIKERT

(Don is winner of the \$100.00 Ohio Regional Psi Iota Xi Scholarship through National Scholastic.)

Two new and extremely worthwhile philanthropic projects were added to Psi Iota Xi activities for the coming year by action of your convention delegates in June at Bloomington.

One continues in a field pioneered by Psi Iota Xi in the State of Indiana, speech and hearing therapy. The other is the result of new experience gained last year in the mental health program.

The Speech and Hearing Kindergarten in Indianapolis, the project sponsored by the four Indianapolis chapters, will receive \$2000.00 from National Psi Iota Xi for one year to help defray its \$3000.00 budget. The kindergarten is for hard of hearing and deaf children from two and half to six years of age. The importance of pre-school training for the deaf child cannot be over estimated and it is hoped that through such demonstration projects as this school, more widespread help can be obtained for the little forgotten hard of hearing pre-school child in Indiana. Many families with youngsters so handicapped have moved bag and baggage to other states where schools are provided for the pre-school deaf child. You will remember it was Psi Iota Xi sponsorship of the traveling clinic from Indiana University that helped to focus attention of the public on the need for speech and hearing therapy in our public schools. We helped to play a part in pioneering speech and hearing programs for our handicapped school child. Let us hope we can once again pioneer. This time to help the pre-school child with a hearing loss.

Our second new project, introduced under the sponsorship of Gamma Zeta of Ossian, renews our long friendship with Indiana University. We will grant two \$500.00 scholarships to superior students in need of financial aid who are taking graduate courses in psychiatric social work at Indiana University's Division of Social Service.

This project not only serves the cause of mental health by helping to relieve the critical shortage of trained psychiatric personnel, but it will directly benefit our own State of Indiana by its "return and serve" provision of the scholarship. This provision specifically requires the recipient to serve for one year in any Indiana mental hospital or clinic.

We are indeed indebted to Indianapolis and Ossian chapters for bringing to our attention two such splendid projects to further carry the banner of Psi Iota Xi to the aid of the handicapped.

NEVA MORIARTY

Philanthropic Chairman.

Symphony Notes



MARY KREBSER
Symphony Chairman

Dear Psi Otes:

It is with humble pleasure that I am permitted to continue as a member of Grand Council, and I hope to serve you to the best of my ability as your Symphony Chairman.

My only regret is that I am to replace our dear Dorothy Foster. "Sparkie" sounds more familiar to you, I am sure. Following in her footsteps is a job that I may not be able to do successfully. When you think of Symphony Chairman, you just naturally think of "Sparkie". She has served you well and represented Psi Iota Xi proudly in her capacities as Province Chairman and Symphony Chairman for several years. To you, "Sparkie", the best of everything for many years.

With the careful planning and complete outline of the duties of Symphony Chairman which have been turned over to me, and with the full cooperation of every chapter, let us try to make this year of 1935 - 1954 a 100 % chapter participation for the Symphony, either by purchasing tickets, donating to the Maintenance Fund, or both.

You voted your full support at Convention.

Let's do it.

Loyally,
MARY E. KREBSER,
Symphony Chairman.

1952-1953 Symphony Report	
Indianapolis Symphony Tickets purchased by chapters	81
Paid for Symphony tickets by chapters	\$1054.00
Cost of Student Tickets purchased by Miss Elsie Sweeney	\$ 625.00
Total spent for Tickets	\$1679.00
Maintenance Fund Contributions (32) chapters	\$ 482.00
Interest from Endowment Fund to Indianapolis Symphony	\$ 82.92
Total Contribution to Indianapolis Symphony	\$2243.92
Interest from Endowment Fund to Ft. Wayne Philharmonic Orch.	82.91
Contribution to Endowment Fund from Psi Iota Xi Charity Fund	\$ 500.00
Grand Total	\$2826.83

August 12, 1953

Dear Mrs. Krebs:

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Indiana State Symphony Society, I wish to thank, through you, the entire Psi Iota Xi Sorority for your most excellent support of the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra.

As you may know, the maintenance of an institution the size of a major symphony is a most difficult one. Your continued interest through the purchase of Season tickets, and your efforts in regard to the Maintenance Fund Campaign have been a source of inspiration to everyone.

Again, our sincere thanks and with kindest personal regards.

Sincerely yours,
ALAN MEISSNER
Manager.





Benny Goodman, Jazzdom's King of Swing jokes with a group of students from McCulloch Center, Fort Wayne Philharmonic Orchestra Concert. Mr. Goodman appeared as Guest Soloist with Orchestra for the season's opening concert. The students attended the concert as guests of the Philharmonic on season tickets purchased with the National Psi Iota Xi Symphony endowment check. At right is Miss Jean O'Rourke, member of Pi Chapter and Igar Buketoff, Philharmonic Conductor.

June 4, 1953

Dear Mrs. Foster:

Let me take this opportunity to thank you—and Psi Otes everywhere through the convention delegates—for your contribution and support of the Fort Wayne Philharmonic Orchestra. As you know, we purchased tickets with the money and they were distributed to students in nearby cities where Psi Iota Xi Chapters were located.

Our purpose in using the money in this way was two-fold. First, it introduced the orchestra to a new group of young people, and secondly, helped us to become better acquainted with neighboring Psi Otes. The tickets were used in Bluffton, Huntington, Ossian and Garrett.

We are deeply indebted to national Psi Ita Xi for its assistance, to the Ft. Wayne Pi and Delta Gamma Chapters, among whom we number our most ardent supporters, and to the following chapters in the Northern Province who purchased tickets: Alpha Delta, Decatur; Alpha Eta, Eluffton; Alpha Rho, Garrett; Gamma Zeta, Ossian; Phi, Huntington; Rho, Angola; and Pi and Delta Gamma, Ft. Wayne.

Best wishes for a successful convention and may all your year's activities be blessed with good fortune and prosperity.

Sincerely,
HELENE R. FOELLINGER,

President,
Fort Wayne Musical Society



PSI OTE CHOIR

Indeed it is truly "harmony in all things" when members of the different chapters are able, with so few rehearsals together, to present such a finished performance as did the Psi Ote Choir at Mid-year and the 1953 convention. Again our sorority has succeeded in this, a cultural project.

Now that the task of organization has been accomplished it is hoped new talent will continue to join the choir. Continued financial assistance should be given by all chapters so that eventually the choir will be a permanent part of our organization.

To Isabelle Reichart and all who have labored to realize this dream of hers, may I express the appreciation of those on the sidelines for their untiring efforts and enthusiasm.

—The Editor

Dear Singing Psi Otes:

To all who participated in the Psi Ote Combined Choir during the past year, I wish to extend my sincere thanks. With your cooperation the choir has become an established success.

Looking into the future, I hope to discover more Psi Ote talent, which I know exists in various chapters.

I also thank each chapter for their financial contributions, which go toward the maintenance of the choir.

Psi Ote Choir

Any chapter desiring information about becoming active in the choir, please write me at 1156 East Clinton Street, Franklin, Indiana.

Loyally
ISABELLE REICHART

Frankfort, Indiana

July 10, 1953

One year ago in June at the Elkhart convention the Psi Ote Combined Choir made their first appearance as our sorority singing group. The temperature then was equal to the record-breaking heat we seemed to have had this June, especially noticed at Bloomington where the "singing Psi Otes" once more mopped their brows, shed their shoes, worked hard at rehearsal, and rallied enough from the strain to sing their songs after luncheon in Alumni Hall, Indiana University.

The idea for starting this combined choir was a long dream of Isabelle Reichart's, and when one realizes the many details, plus responsibility which this entails, we will appreciate the results of her work, and idea, whenever this group gives a program. Finding a competent director is only one part-keeping him is another! All directors, after giving us their help, seem headed for bigger and wider fields of operation! So we can always say, "we knew him WHEN". Mr. Fred Koehn, our most recent director, is to leave for New York



Psi Iota Xi Choir at 1953 Mid-year Luncheon

to complete his Doctor's Degree in Music. We lost Mr. J. Russell Paxton, our director last year, to Northwestern University. Isabelle takes on the task of notifying the various chapters about musical selections to be used. Of course, at final rehearsals we usually have a variety of arrangements, but even our critics seem to agree that the results always turn out alright!

In addition to singing at Elkhart last year, and Bloomington this year, the choir gave a program at Mid-year at the Murat Temple in Indianapolis. The girls who have participated in the choir feel encouraged to continue after hearing the enthusiastic response from the sorority delegates. Isabelle continues her search for new and interesting musical arrangements. She plans to keep in touch with the singing members of the choir in preparation for a program at Mid-year. So all you "singing Psi Otes", keep in tune this summer, and be ready for the "Fall Round-up"!

One of the Singin' Psi Otes



MRS. TYNDALL IS HONORED BY PSI IOTA XI AT TEA

The country home of Mrs. Earl Rudy was the scene Sunday afternoon, June 28, of an informal reception honoring Mrs. Mary Tyndall, newly installed Grand President of Psi Iota Xi.

The Rudy home was graced with beauty vases of hydrangea and pink roses, blue delphinium and Shasta daisies, and other summer flowers.

Mrs. Orlen Sutton and Mrs. Ray Renollet, past presidents of Alpha Eta Chapter, presided at the lace-covered tea table. The table appointments were in silver and crystal. Scabiosa and petunias were entwined with trailing Bells of Ireland to form the centerpiece for the serving table.

The honored guest was presented a corsage of Peruvian lillies from the local sorority, a gift from the patronesses, and a floral piece from Kappa Kappa Kappa.

Other grand officers attending were Mrs. Lou Martin of Goshen, Mrs. Dorothy Doles of Greensburg, Mrs. Eulah Gorby of Sullivan, Mrs. Ermal Gordon of Farmland, Mrs. Mary Krebsler of Kokomo, Mrs. Marie North of Brookston and Mrs. Neva Moriarty of Fort Wayne. Mrs. Mary Ann Reed of Indianapolis, a former Bluffton resident and past grand president of the sorority, was also present.

Throughout the afternoon piano numbers by Fred O. Tangeman and vocal solos by Miss Donna Venis, accompanied by Mr. Tangeman, furnished a musical background for the affair.

The committee in charge was composed of Mrs. Fred Park, Mrs. Herman Ulmer, Mrs. Robert Venis, Mrs. Nile King, Mrs. Paul Bender, Mrs. Mary Starr, Mrs. Jack Alumbaugh, Mrs. Bruce Kephart, Mrs. William Garrett, Mrs. Z. E. Malcolm, Miss Joan Stogdill, Miss Pat Mead, Miss Ann Markley, Miss Diane Tangeman, Miss Donna Venis and Miss Mary Jane Taylor.



At Tea honoring Mary Tyndall. L to R: Mary Krebsler, Naomi Ulmer, president of Alpha Eta Chapter; Barbara Fritz, advisor; Clarissa King, treasurer; Mary Tyndall, Dorothy Doles, Marie North and Eulah Gorby.

1953 Convention



Members of Grand Council of Psi Iota Xi Sorority at National Convention, Bloomington, Indiana.

The beautiful campus of Indiana University at Bloomington was the scene of the 50th convention of Psi Iota Xi. Zeta Chapter serving as hostess of this 1953 convention can certainly be complimented for the clock-like precision from the opening minutes of the business session to the final curtain.

Registration began at 10 o'clock on Friday at convention headquarters in the Union Building. Here you found old friends greeting one another — new friends being made. Official business of the delegates began with a session at 1 o'clock Friday.

Alumni Hall, the scene for the informal dinner Friday evening, was festive with spring flowers—nosegays were the favors and in harmony with the entertainment. Special numbers were presented by students of the I. U. School of Music and Ralph Appelman, basso, exchange professor. A garden scene was the perfect setting for "Clothes for Summer Living" for Fun and Sun, Travel and Evening Gaiety presented by The King's Shop. Viewing this presentation, all wistfully wished for that ideal figure and vacation on which to wear such charming and pretty clothes.

Preceding the business session on Saturday morning a beautiful and impressive memorial service in charge of Beta Lambda Chapter of Bedford was held for fifteen deceased members.

Delegates voted to continue support of the Indianapolis Symphony and to contribute to its endowment fund and Hoosier

Art Salon. Participation in Ohio Scholastic Art Awards—in Indiana providing a sponsor is obtained and project continued was also adopted. Ohio State scholarship in speech and hearing, two return and serve scholarships in psychiatric social work at I. U. and Indianapolis Speech and Hearing Nursery Kindergarten were philanthropic projects approved.

Revision of the constitution was completed at this session.

Following the scheduled luncheon on Saturday the Psi Iota Xi Choir presented a varied program—all Psi Otes were bursting with pride after hearing these selections. Favors were crested desk sets—much to the delight of all.

At the afternoon meeting officers elected to council for the coming year were: Mrs. Ralph Tyndall, Bluffton, president; Mrs. Borden Purcell, vice president, Indianapolis; Mrs. Dorothy Doles, secretary, Greensburg; Mrs. Warren North, treasurer.













er, Brookston; Mrs. G. Wayne Gorby conductress, Sullivan; Miss Virginia Guisinger, editor, Peru; Mrs. John B. Moriarty, philanthropic chairman, Fort Wayne; and Mrs. John P. Krebsner, symphony chairman, Kokomo. Following installation Mrs. Emmons Houghland pinned Mrs. L. J. Martin with the past president's pin.

The Saturday night formal dinner was all one could desire as to food and decorations—it was indeed a festive scene with all the beautifully gowned Psi Otes in attendance. Hand-decorated fans, most appropriately chosen for a warm evening, were favors.

Beta Beta of Sullivan was awarded the Symphony Cup with Pi of Fort Wayne and Alpha Chi of Hagerstown taking home the achievement cups.

Delegates then adjourned to the University Theatre witnessing the "The Glass

Menagerie" by Tennessee Williams as presented by students of the university.

Weary, but proud and happy, delegates journeyed homeward sure that when "bigger and better" conventions are held, Psi Otes will be present.

PAINTINGS AWARDED

Drawings for the three paintings selected at the Hoosier Art Salon made three more happy chapters.

These were awarded at convention as follows:

Northern Province: Gamma Mu, West Lafayette, "An Old Barn" by J. C. Templeton; Central Province: Delta Beta, Indianapolis, "Spring Song" by Adele Wendel and Southern Province: Iota, Rushville, "The Actor" by Francis E. Holt.



1953 Mid-Year



Officers and Guests at speakers table at Mid-year Luncheon

MID-YEAR LUNCHEON

Amidst "hearts and flowers" symbol of St. Valentine's Day, Beta Phi Chapter, Shelbyville, delightfully entertained delegates to Mid-year on February 7, in the Egyptian room of the Murat Temple.

Red organdy aprons were the charming favors—these were the hand work of the members of the hostess chapter—proving the hours spent in planning for this occasion.

Then to assist sister Psi Otes, an intriguing show of the latest in styles and accessories was presented by the Wm. H. Black Co. Oh! Just to be able to wear the costumes as these models do! The perfect climax was the second appearance of our Psi Ote Choir of fifty-six members, presenting a varied program of our favorite songs.

True to her promise, Beta Phi was a charming hostess to the delegates of the '53 Mid-year.

OUR OFFICIAL JEWELER

Meyer & Alexander is the recognized official jeweler for Psi Iota Xi as contracted by our Grand Council. By having such an arrangement chapters may expect prompt service on orders for official pins and other jewelry with our insignia.

According to our contract the firm of Meyer & Alexander is to rebate to our Grand Treasurer ten per cent of the annual sales. Grand Council urges all chapters and its members to patronize only the official jeweler in order that the annual rebate may be increased to further our philanthropic activities.

The jeweler will cheerfully send illustrated price lists of pins as well as a copy of their general catalog upon request. Official order blanks, supplied without charge by Meyer & Alexander, should be in the possession of each chapter.

Correspondence pertaining to Psi Iota Xi jewelry is invited. Meyer & Alexander is ready and eager to be of service to all chapters.

CREETINGS FROM OUR STATIONER

I have thoroughly enjoyed being the Psi Ote Stationer this past year, because I have made new friends in so many chapters. I am looking forward to knowing more of you during the coming year.

When your chapter needs stationery for invitations, thank you notes or bridge prizes, remember to order the little folded informals, correspondence cards, or a box of attractive white or ivory personal stationery. Each of these is engraved with the crest in gold. The sympathy and get-well cards are beautiful and inexpensive. We have napkins with gold lettering and place cards with the gold crest. Everyone is familiar with the blue official stationery and the statement forms.

Usually it takes about ten days to receive the stationery after you have ordered it, since the engraving takes a little time.

Each chapter will receive a stationery price list soon. I hope I'll be hearing from you.

Best wishes to all of you.

Loyally,
Mrs. Everett I. Brown
Official Stationer



Mildred, Dorothy and Lou



Silver

Anniversaries

SILVER ANNIVERSARIES

Silver bells rang this year as five chapters enjoyed celebrations in honor of their 25th anniversaries in Psi Iota Xi. Namely, these were Alpha Phi of Fortville, Alpha Psi of Washington, Alpha Omega of Norton, Beta Alpha of Flora and Beta Beta of Sullivan. Council members joined with chapters in honoring their founders and commemorating the occasion in song, verse and drama.

FORTVILLE

Twenty-five years have flown swiftly by in Psi Iota Xi—September 1927 to September 1952 — and it's silver anniversary time for Alpha Phi!

A dinner party was held in observance of this memorable occasion at the Parish Hall on September 22. Among the honorary members present were five charter members of Alpha Phi to whom this silver anniversary brought many happy memories. They were Marie Hardin, Thelma Stears, Mayme Wright, Gertrude Crouch and Jane Deakyne.

Our 1952 president, Charlotte Jones, introduced the chapter's first president, Mayme Wright, who succeeded so well in guiding Alpha Phi through its first two years. She may well be proud that Psi Iota Xi is now such an integral part of community life in Fortville.

The U-shape table was beautifully appointed with flowers, tall white tapers in silver candleholders and silver shells

serving as individual nut cups. In the center of the U on a special table was a beautifully decorated cake inscribed with the words "Alpha Phi Silver Anniversary".

Charter member Gertrude Crouch, an ordained minister, returned thanks for the group. A chicken dinner with "all the trimmings" was enjoyed by everyone after which Mayme Wright cut the cake. The other charter members assisted in serving the cake to the group. Greetings of welcome to our guests were very graciously given by the president.

Even at an anniversary party there is work to be done, so following the dinner a very short business meeting was held to acquaint the honorary members with our present projects. Then too, it was necessary to secure the official approval from the group to purchase tables for the new kindergarten which we have been in the process of starting.

The remainder of the evening was spent playing "Court Whist", a game that was frequently played at Psi Iota parties twenty-five years ago. Prizes, in the silver theme, were won by Mayme Wright, Esther Flanagan, Pauline Cotter, Clarice Crouch, Hazel Lacey, Eileen Thomas, Vivian Morris and Joan Hudson. The door prize, a silver covered butter dish, was won by Edna Ferrell.

The committee of hostesses received the thanks of all the girls for a lovely anniversary party.

And now that our silver anniversary is over, we of Alpha Phi are looking ahead to many more happy useful years in Psi Iota Xi.

WASHINGTON

Alpha Psi Chapter celebrated its 25th anniversary at the Washington Country Club on April 21, 1953 with a formal dinner party followed by chapter inspection. We were especially honored to have as our guest and inspecting officer, Mildred Lawson from Aloha Omicron Chapter.

Each member upon entering was presented with a twenty-five year emblem pin to be worn for the evening.

The long paneled dining room with its informal flower arrangements made an attractive background for the two long tables which formed a large V in the cen-



Twenty-fifth Anniversary of Fortville Chapter. Shown are five charter members. L to R: Marie Hardin, Thelma Stears, Mayme Wright, first president; Gertrude Crouch and Jane Deakyne.



Twenty-Fifth Anniversary and inspection of Alpha Psi Chapter, Washington. L to R: Mildred Ottinger; Helen Colbert, president; Mildred Lawson, inspecting officer; Louise Knochenmus; Margaret Raley; Mrs. Louis Carroll.

ter of the room. With silver covering, the tables were beautifully decorated with turquoise candles interspersed with spring flowers and Johanna Hill roses. Shell scatter pins, cleverly made, were attached to each member's place card, and awaiting our guest, Mildred Lawson, and our president, Helen Colbert, were corsages of Johanna Hill roses.

To climax the dinner, a large anniversary cake in the form of the Psi Iota pin, elaborately decorated in the sorority colors and displaying the silver numerals '25', was placed before the president. She in turn served each of those present.

An enjoyable and varied program followed the dinner hour. A group of high school boys and girls entertained us with several selections and Margaret Raley gave two readings. Last on the program were piano selections by Mrs. Louis Carroll, a visiting Psi Iota and the daughter of our president.

Helen Colbert then introduced and welcomed Mildred Lawson, who responded by extending congratulations to our chapter and explained how a good Psi Ote chapter functions.

A fitting close to our 25th anniversary was inspection, which as always, reviewed for us the accomplishments of our sorority, informed us of its present undertakings, and thus renewed our loyalty to Psi Iota Xi.

NORTH VERNON

How proud can you be? As proud as a sorority group celebrating its twenty-fifth anniversary, and that is the ultimate goal as we realized on the night of February 17th, when Alpha Omega Chapter of Psi Iota Xi Sorority marked the first twenty-five years of its existence.

Months of preparation, miles of tele-

phone talk, hours of meetings, repeated rehearsals, all were telescoped into two very entertaining and enjoyable hours according to our guests.

The Elks Club at Seymour was chosen as the setting for this celebration. Silver bells tied with turquoise ribbon and a large candelabra formed the background for the formal initiation which preceded dinner and was conducted by the president, Mrs. Wm. Powell, for Mrs. Wm. Gregory and Mrs. Wm. Howe.

Members and guests were seated at long tables, with place card favors of tiny pots of ivy and program folders of blue and gold. The speakers' table was banked in spring blossoms with corsages being pre-



Alpha Omega Chapter celebrates Twenty-fifth Anniversary



Willa Mae Powell, president, cutting cake and Mary Ketchum assisting at Twenty-fifth Anniversary of Alpha Omega Chapter

sented to the officers. The decorative theme was completed with a beautifully decorated three-tiered birthday cake encircled with yellow blossoms and ivy.

Hostesses for the evening were Mrs. Glen Clark, Mrs. Fred Matthews, Mrs. W. E. Ketcham, Mrs. Joseph Shackelford, Mrs. Tom Jeffords, Miss Barbara Elkins and Miss Teresa Dugan.

Members of Grand Council present who were introduced by Mrs. Clark were: Mrs. Mary Etta Houglund, Grand Advisor; Mrs. Mildred Purcell, Grand Secretary; Mrs. Dorothy Doles, Grand Editor; and Mrs. Eulah Gorby, Southern Province Chairman. Each spoke a word of appreciation for the privilege of joining in the celebration. Guests also included members of the Columbus chapter, which sponsored Alpha Omega; members of the Paris Crossing chapter, which we had sponsored; and members of the Seymour chapter. Special guests were patronesses of Alpha Omega, Mrs. Curtis Russell, Mrs. Warren Huckleberry and Mrs. Fletcher Dowd. A number of telegrams and notes of congrat-

ulations were read from members unable to attend.

As an anniversary gift to their sponsors, the Paris Crossing chapter presented the North Vernon group with a beautiful glass punch bowl, cups and tray. The Seymour chapter provided a lovely floral piece to add to the beauty of the setting.

Mrs. W. E. Ketcham, in honor of her continued service throughout the twenty-five year history of Alpha Omega, was presented with a gold "25" year pin and assisted the president, Mrs. Powell, in cutting the birthday cake, which was then served to the guests.

Past presidents of Alpha Omega were named by Mrs. Clark with those present being introduced to the group.

The program featured a history written by Mrs. Ernest Downs and narrated by Mrs. Carl Elster. A series of songs were used to illustrate the chapter's history including "I Can't Give You Anything But Love" by Mrs. Howard Black, Miss Teresa Dugan and Miss Barbara Elkins; "Sentimental Journey" by Miss Dugan and Chas. Helm, guest entertainer, and "Lazy Bones" by Mr. Helm. Richard Andrews furnished the piano accompaniment and the music during the evening. As the final number everyone joined in singing "May the Good Lord Bless and Keep You".

For the committee in charge, the climax came with the guests overwhelming them with praise and appreciation for the evening. All their efforts seemed small in the light of the success of the celebration, and as one of the members was heard to remark, "I never felt so fully repaid for anything as I do tonight."

May the fiftieth anniversary be an even greater credit to the history of Alpha Omega Chapter of Psi Iota Xi.

FLORA

Beta Alpha Chapter of Psi Iota Xi celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of its founding with a dinner and program at Roth Park Hotel, Monticello, May 20, 1953.

Silver engraved invitations were sent to all grand officers, nine charter members, all active and inactive members, and



Twenty-fifth Anniversary Party of Beta Alpha Chapter



Speakers' table at Flora's 25th Anniversary. L to R; Gladys Hursh, Lois Ledman, charter members; Elaine Smith, chairman; Marie North, Grand Treasurer; JoAnn Miller, president of Beta Alpha; Margaret Mabbitt, newly elected president; Helen Wason and Rive Todd, charter members.

past and present patronesses. The chapter was proud to have as honored guests the Grand Treasurer, Marie North, and Lois Ledman, Helen Wason, Gladys Hursh all of Flora and Rive Todd of Anderson, charter members of Beta Alpha.

Decoration for the dinner tables were beautifully arranged flowers of the sorority's colors in silver bowls and with white tapers in silver holders. The speakers' table was centered with a silver epergne containing Johanna Hill roses and silver candelabra at each end. Each place was marked with a silver edged card on which was a tiny satin rose. Favors were silver jelly servers tied with blue and gold ribbon. The honored guests found corsages of Johanna Hill roses at their places.

A three-tiered birthday cake centered the table opposite the guests of honor. As the member of Beta Alpha with the greatest number of active years of service, Beulah Harter cut and served the cake. She became a member the first year after the founding of Beta Alpha and has been a loyal and willing worker ever since.

During the dinner hour appropriate music was played by Freda Langston.

The program was opened by Lucille Brown singing "Grace Before Meat". After the dinner short talks were given by Marie North; JoAnn Miller, retiring president and Margaret Mabbitt, newly elected president. Helen Wason, representing the charter members, gave an interesting history of the founding of Beta Alpha and some of the highlights of the first years. Letters were read from charter members who were unable to attend the celebration.

A quartet composed of Margaret Mabbitt, Freda Langston, Lucille Brown and Dorothy Fisher sang "Golden Shafts of Sunlight." Lucille Brown sang the "Lord's Prayer" in memory of the three deceased members, Esther Colvin and Josephine Mitchell, both charter members and Dorothy Parrett.

Introductions of the past presidents and the patronesses were made.

An original parody, "Psi Ote, Do You Remember" relating some of the events of the past years, both humorous and otherwise, was sung by the quartet. The program closed with the singing of the Psi Iota Xi song. JoAnn Smith accompanied the musical numbers.

The chapter was presented with a pair of silver triple candelabra and silver bowl by the past presidents in memory of the first president, Esther Colvin. A lovely tray was the gift of the Delta Theta Chi Sorority.

Bridge completed the evening's entertainment, both bridge and door prizes being awarded.

The committee in charge of arrangements included Elaine Smith, chairman, Lola Mae Harmon, Helen King, Lucille Brown, Ruth Ellen Roberts, Georgeanna Julius, Lois Metzger, Freda Langston, Dorothy Fisher and Margaret Mabbitt.

SULLIVAN

Twenty-five years ago, May 18, 1928, a group of young women met at the home of Tress McKinley for the purpose of organizing a chapter of Psi Iota Xi. That night Beta Beta Chapter was born, and the installing officer was Mrs. Tuley Emission of Vincennes. At that time Mrs. Emission was Grand Vice President of Psi Ote.

Twenty-five years later a majority of those same women met at the Elks Country Club and joined with the active and alumni members to celebrate our silver anniversary. Mildred Lawson, Grand Charity Chairman, honored our chapter by being present to help celebrate. Preceding the dinner hour punch was served to ninety-two members and guests by Polly Fisher, president of Beta Beta.

After being seated at long dining tables decorated with sorority colors and silver



Arnold Hannum and Tresse McKinley in
"This Is Your Life", Beta Beta
the 25th Anniversary of Sullivan

and white tapers, the group was greeted by Arnold Hannum, who circulated around the tables in the character of Ralph Edwards and chose Tress McKinley to represent Beta Beta and receive the surprise guest in a "This Is Your Life" program. A picture of her home was shown as the birthplace of Beta Beta and the voice of Tuley Emison announced herself as the doctor who brought her into being. Then followed the charter members who could attend: Lois Jones, the first president; Elizabeth Crowder Hawkins, Marjorie Lowry, Hester Ward and Glenn Dougherty. Messages were read from Thelma Doughitt, Beulah Cummins, Helen McGuire



Polly Fisher, president, cutting cake at
Sullivan's 25th Anniversary Party

Hash, Charlotte Kerlin, Flossie Steel, Jane Wiltse and a former patroness, Mrs. Edith Owens. Two charter members, Millie Wolfe and Dorothy Boyle Kerlin, are deceased.

The history progressed through the years to the present time and Eulah Gorby, the Southern Province Chairman, appeared and explained her duties. Pictures were taken and a recording made of the entire program. Mrs. McKinley was presented with a charm bracelet showing the milestones of the chapter's history and the album, pictures and recording will be kept by the sorority. Charlotte Kerlin and Mary Louise Templeton were the authors of the program and are to be complimented on the success of the evening.

A memorial service was held for the deceased members by Edna Tennis, recording secretary, and the pledges. While Nancy Taylor sang "The Lord's Prayer" accompanied by Billie Markee, candles were lighted for Nancy Ballum, Marguerite Heidedreich, Lois Hendricks, Dorothy Kerlin, Monette Knotts, Kathryn Lippeatt, Nancy Ross, Ann Smith, Mildred Wolfe, Ora Mellott, a patroness, and Clara Kerlin, a patroness.

The group was entertained during the dinner with organ music, afterwards by Beverly Biddle, Sara Wright and Jacqueline Flynn, who were dressed in fashions of 1928 and sang several songs of that time.

A three-tiered birthday cake was brought in and while the candles were being lighted, "Happy Birthday" was sung. The first piece of cake, cut by Polly Fisher, was presented to Mrs. Emison.

Impressive initiation services were held for fifteen pledges: Marjorie Bartlett, Dorothy Parsons, Mildred Sullivan, Ilene Wible, Bonnie Wagner, Betty Keene, Vera Lou Anderson, Gloria Graham, Ruth Woodard, Beverly Gallagher, Eleanor Lippeatt, Nancy Chapman, Nancy Taylor, Sue Mahan and Sue Moss. These new members then proved their ability to entertain in various ways ranging from sublime music to the most grotesque imitation of Spike Jones.

Members and guests departed with their favors of engraved silver coffee spoons, praising the committee highly for a fine evening's entertainment and a very appropriate celebration of the silver anniversary of Beta Beta Chapter, Psi Iota Xi. Hostesses were Josephine Steele, Ruth McVicker, Sybil Wray, Pauline Mahan and Mary Scott.

Gamma Sigma Installed at South Bend



Back row, L to R: Georgia Byerly Daily (Mrs. Harold) Logansport; Isabelle Howard Robinson (Mrs. Harlan) Goshen; Patricia Myers Scott (Mrs. John) Mentone; Nancy Ellis Clay (Mrs. Harry) Columbus; Kathryn McChesney (Mrs. Arthur) East Chicago; Edna Corr Drollinger (Mrs. Ben H.) Bloomington; Dr. Lois Shoff Godersby (Mrs. George) Flora; Kathleen Moore Allen (Mrs. Frank) Summitville; Barbara Nixon Borntrager (Mrs. Donald) Eaton; Martha Merriman (Floyd V.) East Chicago; Mary Jane Rieth (Mrs. Lee) new initiate.

Middle row, seated L to R: Lydia Mills Naus (Mrs. James) new initiate; Mollie Messner, Hartford City; Mary Jane Day, Goshen; Josephine Hays (Mrs. Paul) New Castle; Clara Cox (Mrs. Gregory) Franklin; Florence Anderson (Mrs. Damon) Summitville.

Front row, L to R: Patricia Engle Cole (Mrs. Jack) Lebanon; Vallie Messner Payton (Mrs. E. J.) Hartford City; June Cooper (Mrs. John) Peru; Marjorie Vorhees McCall (Mrs. Elmer) Flora.

Not shown in picture: Mary Ellen Frank (Mrs. Lyall) new initiate; Nancy Kashner, Lebanon; Clara Grayce Thomas (Mrs. Delrue) Covington and Carolyn Jewell (Mrs. Everett) Bluffton.

Northern Province



MARIAN LEWIS
Northern Province Chairman

Marian has been a Psi Ote for eleven years. In that time she has served on many committees, was corresponding secretary for two years and president in 1948-49.

She has also been an active member of the East Chicago Woman's Club, serving in several capacities, and was chairman of a department for one year. During two successive Community Chest campaigns she served on the accounting committee.

As an active member of the First Methodist Church, she is at this time president of the Wesleyan Service Guild after having served as treasurer for two years.

Marian has always enjoyed her associations with Psi Iota Xi and will continue to serve in every possible way.



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KAPPA CHAPTER Kokomo, Indiana

OFFICERS

President....Ruth Coe (Mrs. Charles M.)
Vice Pres...Yetive Middleton (Mrs. G. E.)
Secretary Joan Hoffman
Assist. Rosalie Harstein (Mrs. Raymond)
Cor. Sec'y ..Frances Reith (Mrs. Harold)
Assist....Valena Beety (Mrs. Arthur)
Treasurer..Thelma Stanley (Mrs. Merton)
Conductress.....Dixie Scott
AssistantTheresa Gaffney
Sergt.-at-armsCharlotte Smith
(Mrs. Donald B. Jr.)

NEWS LETTER

Kappa Chapter has completed a very successful year under the leadership of our president, Dorothy Dezelan.

The fall season started with a picnic in September followed by a Hallowe'en dessert party in October at which bingo and bridge were enjoyed.

November brought a "pot-luck" dinner when traditional Thanksgiving food was served. The decorations were quite original and lovely. Mrs. Robert J. Hamp Sr., a member of the Associate Chapter, entertained us most enjoyably with moving pictures taken on her recent trip around the world.

A group of ninety ladies including active, inactive and associate members and guests attended the annual Christmas dinner party. The tables were colorful with their yuletide decorations of dark green candles in large star holders, enhanced with tinsel and tree ornaments. The program booklets were in the form of green felt Christmas trees sparkling with snowballs and sequins. The program featured a presentation of a one-act play, "Grandfather's Toy Shop" by a group of members in colorful costumes. The play was written and directed by our own Miss Pauline Fredrick. Members brought gifts which were presented to needy children of Kokomo.

February was the month for our annual "Beau Night", this time in the form of a pig "pot-luck" party. Large plastic pig banks were used as centerpieces and individual pig dime banks were favors. The outstanding feature of the serving, and one our husbands particularly enjoyed, was the "make your own sundae" dessert! Following dinner pig cartoon movies were shown. The party certainly was loads of fun.

Mrs. Lloyd J. Martin, our very charming Grand President, held inspection in March. She was accompanied by Mrs.

Phyllis Murray of Goshen. The Associate Chapter joined with Kappa Chapter for an informal reception following the inspection.

Bad, bold pirates held sway at our spring rush party. Guests were dressed in pirate costumes. Following dinner and a period of charades, an hilarious farce, "Ben's Bar Flies", was presented. A great deal of work was done by the committee in preparing the colorful and clever decorations and all those present had a delightful time.

Several of our local members attended the 50th national convention of the sorority in Bloomington. Mrs. John P. Krebsner was elected Symphony Chairman at that time.

Our year ended with several affairs: an enjoyable picnic in the lovely yard of Mrs. F. T. McCurdy and June brought the installation of our new officers and the initiation of twelve pledges. Sixty-five actives and two guests from the Honorary Chapter were present at our last meeting at which time the installation of the new officers and the initiation of the pledges was held.

Among the projects we have endeavored to carry out this year has been the dental care program by which we have furnished dental care to indigent school children. We are sending two children to the speech and hearing clinic. The local chapter did the clerical work in connection with the mobile x-ray unit's visit to Kokomo sponsored by the Howard County Tuberculosis Association.

The Juvenile Home, which our local chapter has supported for the past five years for neglected Howard County children as a friendly environment of a private home instead of the county jail to children who are awaiting appearance in court, has been taken over by and will be under the jurisdiction of the Howard Circuit Court. During the five year period of sorority sponsorship, the group has spent approximately \$3,500 for maintenance and equipment.

This year we sponsored the Kokomo art contest for high school artists as a part of the Indiana-Michigan-Ohio Art Contest. We were hostesses for the opening tea of the Hoosier Salon exhibit which was held here May 17 through May 23.

Another of our projects was the furnishing of Christmas presents for the patients in state mental and training institutions. Of course these projects had to be financed and this was done by a rummage sale in the fall, a toy, gift and rummage sale in December and a spring rummage sale. We also sold Christmas wrapping paper and had our blanket club which was a financial success.

This has indeed been an active year un-

der a very fine president, Dorothy Dezelan, and we wish to say "Thank you" to her and all officers and the committees who helped make this year such a success. We are looking forward with enthusiasm to next year with our new president, Ruth Coe.

Marriages: Mary Jane Patton to Robert Francis Dawson, Mary Rosaline Shaffer to Wayne R. McElfresh, Barbara Rhorer to Carl L. Hake, Marilyn Barthelmy to John B. Carter, Beth Morgan to Bruce McClure, Lenora Jane Edwards to L. P. Rehwal, Julianne Retter to Charles W. Resek, Carol Ann Hawk to James Meck Matthews, Betty Sue Napolitano to James J. Carr, Patsy W. Lafferty to Thomas E. Raines, Margot Josephine Maddox to Edwin Lee Hight, and Shirley Ann Trimble to Richard P. Good, Jr.

New Members: Patricia Gilbert, Maureen McFerrin, Ann Overmire, Sally Pennell, Alma Jean Ahlbrand, Mary Jo Arnold, Julie Dieden, Natalie Graham, Barbara Mohr (Mrs. Stanley), Mary Weisert (Mrs. Edward), Sue Mix (Mrs. M. W.), Mary Lou Matlock (Mrs. Edwin), Lee Jordan (Mrs. Curtis).

Births: To Mr. and Mrs. James Mitchell (Mary Elizabeth Donnell) a boy; to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Freed (Frances Congress) a girl; to Mr. and Mrs. John Gosma (Ruth Ostrander) a boy; to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Fulwider (Mary Louise Heady) a girl; to Mr. and Mrs. James Adams (Jean Holman) a girl.

RHO CHAPTER Angola, Indiana

OFFICERS

President.....Mrs. Charles D. Southern
Vice PresidentMrs. Norman Rausch
Corres. Secretary....Mrs. Max E. Spangle
SecretaryMrs. Mel Wild
TreasurerMrs. John VanAman
Conductress.....Mrs. Bruce Anderson

NEWS LETTER

Rho Chapter had an interesting and intriguing year, lots of hard work, and lots of fun, all of which we humbly report as a successful year.

As reported last year, our new project of a Bargain Corner (wherein we contract for the sale of anything that we can get our hands on and sell same to anyone that will buy) was a rip-roaring success. We were open for business three days per week, and over and above the high cost of operating such a business, we roughly netted \$1,000. Plans are now that we open four days per week during the ensuing year, provided however, that merchandise and purchasers hold out. Generally, it can be said that it looks like a fairly steady source of income for many years to come.



Inspection of Rho Chapter, Lou Martin, center, with two past grand presidents, left, Kathryn Gordon and right, Esther Bassett.

The success of the Bargain Corner, however, was not the extent of our money making activities. We started the fall season off with a Blanket Club, and had good results since a cold winter was predicted (and your reporter adds — was had). Purchasers reported the blankets well used. Then in January, we had telephone bridge and canasta. Financial score on this was good, and the card scores were poor. My husband contributes the poor card scores to the fact that we can't play cards across the table from each other, let alone over a telephone.

During the year we had not one, but two, evenings with the men folk, a Christmas dance and a valentine party. The Christmas dance was the good old fashion kind—mistletoe, snow, formals and all. The men seemed to enjoy the mistletoe almost as much as the women. A buffet luncheon was served after the dancing. This gala event was held at the Lake James Country Club. The valentine party was held in special honor of the gallant men in our lives who have so willingly and graciously donated their time, energy and efforts to our chapter in their own individual and oftentimes peculiar way. This was appropriately held at the Southern Saddle Barn (a real horse stable, too). A grand time was had by all with sparkling entertainment and games. Our deep thanks to Mrs. Charles D. Southern.

In April we opened ranks for inspection by Grand President, Mrs. Lou Martin, the inspection was satisfactory, no court martials, but constructive ideas were conveyed to us by the Grand President.

The profits from our money making escapades were used thus: sponsored the Camp Fire Girls for the fifth consecutive year, donated to all the national drives, gave a three weeks music scholarship at

Michigan State, delivered annual Christmas baskets to the needy, and many other minor gifts and deeds too numerous to mention.

"In this dollar valued world, what greater estate can we leave than the principal of charity?"

New members: Joan Baldwin, Diana Beatty, Roberta Berkes, Phyllis Bishop, Josephine DeRosa, Valerie Erickson, Donna Pearson, Betty Servis, Fern Van Marter, Joanne Zimmer, Mary Feldman, Elizabeth Lemley, Ilene Nelson, Suzanne Lemley, Jean Pfingstag and Marijane Deller.

Pledges: Margaret Williamson, Sylvia Jackson, Darlene Van Auken, Mattie Wisner, Barbara Bodie, Sharon Lampman and Frances Cimbal.

Marriages: Donna Davis to Thomas Pearson, Shirley Brokaw to Phil Hull, Anita Clark to Girard J. Ilg, Ilene Nelson to Paul Sadowski, Eleanor Owens to Dean Sutton and Patricia Lampman to Jack Sheard.

Births: Mary Williamson - son, Nancy Sanders - son, Barbara Randolph - daughter, Janice Neilson - daughter, Mary Ellen Hemerick - son, Lillian Hawthorne - son, Peggy Bledsoe - son, Mary Jean Golden - son, Edna Anderson - son and Bettie Bassett Holland - son.

PI CHAPTER

Fort Wayne, Indiana

OFFICERS

(Active Chapter)

President...Mrs. Richard Gallmeyer (Kay)
Vice-President.....Miss June Enoch
Treasurer....Mrs. Rod Howard (Marcia)
Assistant Treasurer...Miss Joan Curdes
Recording Secretary... Junior Group
Mrs. George Fruechtenicht (Phyllis)
Senior Group
Mrs. Joseph Pettit (Lib)
Cor. Sec'y Mrs. Richard Bauerle (Ellen)
Conductress...Mrs. Donald Young (Mary)
Historian..... Miss Gladys Becker

OFFICERS

(Sustaining Chapter)

President...Mrs. J. Howard Wilkens (Cleo)
Secretary...Mrs. A. G. W. Curdes (Edith)
Treasurer...Mrs. George Kuntz (Ethel)
Prog'm Chr...Mrs. Wm. Waterfield (Edith)
Board Repres.....Mrs. D. V. Hull (Jess)

NEWS LETTER

Pi Chapter's year long negotiations for an 11-acre tract of land to be given to the city as a park site is given top-billing in any resume of 1952-53 year. The land to be purchased for a sum of \$5,000 brings to fruition a long-time dream of Pi members to establish a park bearing Psi Iota Xi's name and marking over a decade of efforts, and over \$23,000, spent in Fort Wayne for improved park and recreational facilities.



Miss Jean O'Rourke, charity chairman of Pi Chapter, confers with officials on the purchase of an 11-acre tract of land which will be presented to Fort Wayne as a park. The land adjoins a new school site. Pictured above L to R: Gatherings Stewart, a community association president; Miss O'Rourke, Aaron T. Lindley, Supt. of city schools; Ben F. Geyer, Pres. of Board of School Trustees.

The park will adjoin a modern school built by the Board of School Trustees to give Ft. Wayne the first pre-planned ideal modern school-park site.

1952-53 also marked the first year of reorganization into an active chapter, composed of two groups, Junior and Senior, and a Sustaining Group. The three groups meet on the same meeting night, at different homes. Every second or third meeting night, the Junior and Senior groups have a joint meeting. These groups are governed by a single slate of officers and work as a unit on all projects. The Sustaining Group supports voluntarily all projects and maintains a keen interest in the active chapter.

As of June 8, the active membership consisted of 72 members, with 36 each in the Junior and Senior Groups. There are 23 members in the Sustaining Group. There were five joint Junior and Senior meetings and two more joint meetings including the Sustaining Group.

Highlighting the speakers at the meetings this year were: Igor Buketoff, Fort Wayne Philharmonic conductor; Dr. L. Potter Harshman, Director of the Psychiatric Division of the U. S. Veterans Hospital; William McNagny, Assistant City Attorney; Prof. Cromwell Poling, of Purdue Extension; Richard Galbreath, television producer; Dalton McAlister, President of the Light Opera Festivals; and Dr. John Weber, pediatrician. In April, Pi and Delta Gamma Chapters held a joint dinner at the Hotel VanOrman with Rabbi Frederic Dopplet as the speaker.

Money making projects for the year were our annual participation in the Fort Wayne Charity Horse Show, the Fort Wayne Antique Show, and our twice-a-

year rummage sale. At Christmas time we stage our annual yuletide charity ball. As a special project this year the chapter sponsored the ticket sale of the Olsen and Johnson Skating Vanities at the War Memorial Coliseum. The Vanities were brought here by the Zollner Promotions Inc.

Also at Christmas time, Pi members helped to collect, wrap and buy gifts for the Indiana State School as part of the national project. In September we entertained the youngsters from the Fort Wayne Orphanages, and again at Christmas, "adopted" a Christmas Bureau family in need of holiday cheer. Throughout the season, Pi Chapter gives tickets to the Fort Wayne Philharmonic concerts to high school and college music students. With a \$200.00 grant, the chapter buys and distributes 24 season tickets. Each concert a different group of students is invited as guests of Pi Chapter.

As one of our community service projects, Pi Chapter serves as hostesses for a "first nighter" party at an opening of one of the Civic Theatre plays.

This spring, Pi Chapter was invited by the Fort Wayne Park Board to serve as hostesses for, and work on, the planning committee for the National Recreation Association Great Lakes Recreation Executives Conference held in Fort Wayne April 8, 9 and 10. At the closing dinner of the conference, Pi Chapter was recog-



New members of Pi Chapter: L to R: back row, Mrs. Lester Haymer, Mrs. Dale Schouweiler, Miss Aloyse Moritz; front row, Mrs. Paul Armstrong, Miss Cynthia Ann Rice, Mrs. Walter Helmke, Jr. seated on floor

nized along with several leading citizens for their outstanding contribution to park and recreation development in Ft. Wayne.

The year closed with a joint picnic of Junior, Senior and Sustaining groups. At this time recognition was paid Neva Moriarty, a member of Pi who was elected Grand Philanthropic Chairman, and the Achievement Cup which Pi won this year was on display.

New members of Pi Chapter for 1952-53 are: Mrs. Paul Armstrong, Mrs. Walter Helmke Jr., Mrs. Lester Hayner, Mrs. Dale Schouweiler, Miss Cynthia Ann Rice and Miss Aloyse Moritz.

Marriages during the past year are: Ellyn Heine to Rudy Roof, Mary Lou Singer to Max Shambaugh, Irma Wilkins to Harold Williams and Peggy Watt to Tom Burrell.

Births during the past year: Girls to Janet and Norman Buck, Joan and Carl Lipp, Mary and Donald Young, Pat and George Keller and Pat and Ernest Vogel. Boys to Margaret and Paul Scheele, Mary Richardine and Robert Meyers, Jeanne and E. C. Schouweiler, Anne and James Brooks, Joyce and Karl Eberly, Charlene and David Rea, Mary Kay and Edgar Kettler and Nancy and John Weber.

PHI CHAPTER Huntington, Indiana

OFFICERS

President.....Miss Susan Hart
Vice President.....Mrs. Jane Shumm
Secretary.....Mrs. Mae Schacht
Cor. Sec'y.....Miss Nancy Everett
Treasurer.....Mrs. Betty Nichols
Conductress..Mrs. Velma Mae Buzzard

NEWS LETTER

Another sorority year for Phi Chapter of Psi Iota Xi has come to a close. Under the guidance of our charming president, Mrs. Marianna Monsey, we made the preceding year a profitable one for both Phi Chapter, and, we hope, for the Psi Iota Xi Sorority.

The first big event of the past year, one which our community looks forward to with much anticipation, was our annual Psi Iota Xi Thanksgiving Charity Dance. This year it was held at the Elks Club. We were very fortunate in having a wonderful orchestra — Jimmy Steir from Ft. Wayne. One of our members, Mrs. Jane Shumm, made large candles for decorations. They were arranged with gold ribbon and evergreen on the tables around the dance floor. These decorations were simple, but quite impressive to start off the holiday season. We were very proud of our over-capacity crowd. It was one of the largest and most successful Thanksgiving dances we have held.

Our Christmas party was quite lovely this year. It was held in the attractive

new home of Mrs. Bob Wasmuth. Many of the college girls, whom we see little of during the year, attended this party. Each member brought a gift and placed it under the Christmas tree. After a delightful Christmas story, told by our guest for the evening, Mrs. Maurice Thompson, the gifts were passed out among the members. At another of our social meetings through the year we were privileged to have a piano recital by Miss Sally Dinnen, daughter of one of our members, Mrs. Agnus Dinnen.

Our second big social event of the year was the annual Valentine tea. This tea gives members a chance to bring and introduce their friends to our sorority. This year our tea was held in the beautiful new home of Mrs. Ethel Brubaker, mother of one of our members, Mrs. Vivian Priddy.

All was not play and social events for Phi Chapter. We had many money-making projects throughout the year. An experiment this year was an Easter Basket Sale. Members of the sorority filled and decorated baskets which were sold in a downtown store a week before Easter. As, in the past, several rummage and bake sales brought us a tidy sum. These continue to be profitable undertakings.

Last fall we had our first bridge style show. A French theme was carried out in the decorations. Street signs bearing French names were placed throughout the room, and the stage was gaily decorated to represent a sidewalk cafe. The models were members of our chapter and some of their children.

At Christmas time this year Phi Chapter collected gifts to send to the Muscatatuck State School. We sent three large boxes of gaily wrapped gifts to the children. The gifts were donated by sorority members. This year, too, we completed the redecoration of our hospital room at the Huntington County Hospital. This consisted of the purchase of new furniture and draperies, and painting of the room.

The project which Phi chapter is most proud of is our entertaining at the Marion Veterans' Home. Our girls have been very generous with their time in taking refreshments and entertainment to Ward 16 at the hospital. This year we are going to continue with the project through the summer months. We have already had more than enough members volunteer to go to the hospital this summer with refreshments and, if possible, entertainment for the boys. We have been warmly accepted at the Veterans' Home and hope to continue our work there through the coming year.

With the closing of another sorority year Phi Chapter was happy to welcome six new members: Juana Julleret, Janet

Johnson, Nancy Carey, Sue Barnhisel, Mrs. Mel Collier, and Mrs. Susan Seely. Mrs. Mary Wearnly came to us this year from the Decatur chapter.

We have three new brides this year with the marriages of Minnette Will to Dean Hartle, Ann Stoffel to James Carroll and Joann Hendricks to Keith Hart. New additions to our members' families were a boy to Evelyn and Dick Webb, a boy to Marjorie and Bob Hoover, a boy to Miriam and Francis Rody and a girl to Elizabeth and Robert Foster.

We are looking forward to a happy and even more profitable year to come. Our thanks go to this past year's officers for a wonderful year, and best of luck to our newly installed officers.

Phi Chapter extends good wishes to all Psi Iota Xi chapters for the coming year.

CHI CHAPTER Brookston, Indiana

OFFICERS

President....Eleanor Oilar (Mrs. Harry)
V. Pres...Nina Erickson (Mrs. Morris Jr.)
Secretary...Betty Robinson (Mrs. Robert)
Cor. Sec'y.....Norma Ward (Mrs. John)
Treasurer ..Lorraine Garrott (Mrs. Glen)
Conductress. Audrey Miller (Mrs. Chas.)

NEWS LETTER

Chi Chapter, under the capable leadership of Kathryn Harmon, has had a most interesting and profitable year. Because of her splendid planning and untiring efforts much has been accomplished.

Our first meeting of the year was a tea given in honor of Marie North who was elected Grand Treasurer. We were happy to have the members of Grand Council, and other Psi Iota Xi members from over the state as our guests. Chi Chapter is extremely proud of Marie and we are grateful for the many things that she does in the name of Psi Iota Xi.

In December, we enjoyed a lovely Christmas dinner and a gift exchange. Our husbands were our guests at a Valentine dinner. In May, we had our annual Mother's Day party. At this time, Mrs. Nelson Parkhurst of Delta Zeta Chapter, Lafayette, gave a most interesting book review.

As our money making projects, we sold pop corn through the summer, had a chili supper and had white elephant sales at several of our regular meetings.

Our charity projects were clothing sent to Korea and to our Belgium family. We purchased lunch tickets for a number of needy school children. At Christmas, toys and other gifts of clothing were given to several underprivileged children. A number of cheer baskets and Christmas cards were sent to shut-ins in our community.

One of our most gratifying projects was the sponsoring of the state Mental Health program in our township. We were able to contact every organization in our township and to explain the state program.

Much interest was shown in this work. Our chapter gift to this fund was \$100.00. We also took part in sending Christmas gifts to the patients in the state hospital at Logansport. Magazines were taken to the Larue Carter Hospital at Indianapolis.

We bought handbooks for the Intermediate Girl Scout troop. We also lent them money to purchase Girl Scout candy. After the candy was sold, the Scouts used their profits to take a trip to Chicago.

Donations were given to the Red Cross, Tuberculosis Fund, Infantile Paralysis and Cancer Drive. Financial assistance was given to a worthy senior in our high school.

The Psi Iota Xi English award was won by one of our pledges, Pauline Richardson.

We were delighted to have Mrs. John Krebsler, our Northern Province Chairman, as our inspecting officer. A dinner was given in her honor at our chapter house. Following the dinner, inspection was held.



Float of Chi Chapter in Centennial Parade

Brookston celebrated its one hundredth birthday in June. Chi Chapter played an important part in making the Centennial a success. We sponsored the advance ticket sale through which the queen of the Centennial was elected. The candidates for queen and their sponsors were entertained at a party given by our members. We were very happy that one of our pledges, Pauline Richardson, was elected "Miss Columbia" and that Dorothy Myers, another pledge, as well as one of our members, Barbara Wiley, were elected princesses of the queen's court.

A pageant was given on six nights of the Centennial. Many sorority members participated in and assisted with the pageant. These members included Margaret Roberts, director of the chorus, Betty Bordner, accompanist for the chorus and a large number of singers. Margaret Roberts also was in charge of Youth Day.

During the entire week, the sorority girls sold home made cookies, pop corn and soft drinks. Furthermore, the Girl Scouts sold their candy at the sorority concession stand. Centennial week will long be remembered as a great success.

The closing event of our year was a

beautiful pledge service given for Eva May Bibich, Nan Derhammer, June Dimich, Pat Eshelman, Marjorie Maxwell, Dorothy Myers, Marjorie Parr, Pauline Richardson and Peggy Sims. Following the service, a delightful social hour was enjoyed.

One of our members, June Robinson, was married to Don Anderson.

The births among our members were as follows: Mr. and Mrs. William Frey, a daughter; Mr. and Mrs. John Ward, a son; Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Shultz, a son; Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Connaroe, a son; Mr. and Mrs. Richard Ward, a son.

ALPHA DELTA CHAPTER

Decatur, Indiana

OFFICERS

President.... Colleen Linn (Mrs. Richard)
Vice Pres..... Bonnie Lehman (Mrs. Ray)
Cor. Sec'y.... Helen Ryden (Mrs. Gene)
Secretary..... Joanne Lutes (Mrs. Tom)
Treasurer..... Alice Johnson (Mrs.)
Assist. Treas. Ruby Swickard (Mrs. D. A.)
Press Rep.... Colleen Heller (Mrs. Jack)

NEWS LETTER

Alpha Delta, under the principalship of Mary Parrish, began its curriculum with a Class Reunion with scholarly decorations and appropriate games and prizes. Miss Alice Roth played the role of the school teacher. In October our subject studied was home economics with a "rot-luck" supper and a clever and amusing skit portraying the "Perfect Home Economics Teacher". November was a music appreciation lesson with Evangeline Embler giving an explanation of music appreciation, emphasizing the joy which composers experience as their work is rendered. December's subject was dramatics. Highlights of the evening were two clever readings entitled "The Littlest Angel" and "Ruth". Santa Claus made his appearance and distributed gifts. The January meeting was cancelled. In February we had our inspection dinner with Mary Tyndall conducting the inspection and she, also, gave an interesting report on various charitable enterprises. Dr. L. P. Harshman, Chief of Neuro-psychiatric Services at the Veterans Hospital in Fort Wayne, was speaker on the subject "Indiana's Mental Institutions". He stressed the need for added personnel. May brought forth parent interest. Our mothers and friends were guests for an enjoyable evening with Mrs. Reid Erikson reading "The Willow and I". Impressive pledge services were conducted in June. Mrs. Reid Erikson, Cam Applegate and Dan Junk gave a condensation of the play "Elizabeth, the Queen" which was well received by the group. Our members met at the Moose Home on June 17 for initiation services and dinner. Toastmistress for the evening was Kay Alberson. We were

privileged to have Mary Tyndall, Grand President, as our guest. Our impressive candle lighting service was ably conducted by Kay Yager. After a brief talk about the candle as a symbol of light, Kay lighted her small candle from a large taper, which represented the light of the world, and passed the light to each member. We joined hands and sang, "Bless Be the Tie That Binds". This service has become a tradition with our chapter.

Initiates: Shirley Fuelling, Karen Striker, Marilyn Jaberg, Mary Lehman, Carol Elzey, Nancy Kirsch, Martha Kelley. Mrs. Kay Schwartz and Mrs. Phyllis Haugk presented a musical program.

Our earnings were spent on the Community Chest Fund, Goodfellows, Tuberculosis Association, Crippled Children, Red Cross and our main project for the last three years, the Decatur Community Building Fund pledge of \$1,500 was paid in full. We also had two season tickets to the Fort Wayne Symphony.

Marie Anspaugh was our Girl Scout representative for the year.

Our money making projects were: a rummage sale, Christmas cookie sale, a sandwich stand at the fair and our annual Snow Ball Dance.

Brides were:

Phyllis Kraft to William Bauman.

Sharon Hite to Kenneth Weigman.

Norma Johnson to Roger Gentis.

Future Psi Otes to:

Colleen Linn, Ruth Gehrig, and Mae Sittman.

Future Chi Otes to:

Bernice Frisinger, Clarice Hill, Kristine Porter, Colleen Heller, and a son and a daughter by adoption to Etta Beer.

This concludes our school daze for 1952-1953.

ALPHA ETA CHAPTER

Bluffton, Indiana

OFFICERS

President..Naomi Ulmer (Mrs. Herman)
Vice Pres.....Irene Park (Mrs. Fred)
SecretaryRuth Venis (Mrs. Robert)
Treasurer....Clarissa King (Mrs. Nile)
Cor. Sec'yMaro Bender (Mrs. Paul)
Conductress.....Mrs. Mary Starr
Advisor..Vera K. Hedges (Mrs. Le Roy)

NEWS LETTER

A little over a year ago we came home from the convention at Elkhart filled with enthusiasm for Psi Ote work and inspired by the review of things accomplished nationally by Psi Iota Xi. So we rolled up our sleeves and set to work to make our mark on the tally sheet.

We welcomed Dorothy Doles to our first meeting. It was a blistering night and gracious of her to give us the time and her view of public relations which was novel enough to charm us right out

of our hot seat and into a cool state of mind.

The officers and new members entertained with a picnic supper at the State Forest and Carolyn Rudy of Alpha Eta, who was chosen by John Powers as one of the winning college beauties, gave us an extremely interesting account of her trip to Hollywood.



Our swimming pool with Emily Johnston as chairman kept all willing hands busy during the summer. We closed the season with a Water Carnival. The swimming events were given by classes of the summer recreational program and Psi Ote members provided an ice cream social. A number of improvements have been made at the pool during the year.

An interesting, informative and greatly appreciated evening's program was presented by Dr. Harold Caylor who showed us the film "Survival" and spoke on the subject of civilian defense in the event of atomic bombing.

In September the Bluffton Free Street Fair holds sway for one week and Psi Ote helped dress up the opening night parade with a decorated float carrying our choir who sang enroute. We received many compliments on our endeavor. The remainder of the week under the direction of Mabel Metz and Edith McCloud, co-chairmen, we served our now famous ham sandwiches to hundreds of fair visitors from our booth in the industrial tent. This annual project has proven quite a booster for our charity treasury.

In October we attended a very lovely dinner party planned by Pan-Hellenic Council. We took particular pride in the affair for the program and appointments were suggested by Psi Ote council members and were patterned after the Psi Ote mid-year luncheon featuring Rilev. Millie Davis came with her dolls. Everyone greatly enjoyed her program and the council piggy bank swelled at the seams from our per cent of the doll orders taken.

At Christmas time we provided baskets of food and toys for needy families and made clown bean bags and braided yarn dolls for children of mental hospitals. Then, our work done. Lou Reber as chairman and her committee provided us with a very novel Christmas party which we thoroughly enjoyed to the last jingle. Our patronesses were guests at this party and also at an earlier "pot-luck" affair where Marv Webber, who is on the staff of Physical

Therapy at Irene Byron, told of her work with the patients and exhibited some of their handiwork.

For earning extra charity money we turned to candy selling and later we sold coupon books for a local garage. While we did not meet our expected goal in this project we did have a neat profit.

In March we were pleased to have Mary Krebsler as dinner guest with our officers and later to meet all the girls and to sharpen our wits concerning Psi Ote matters. From time to time different girls accompanied Mary Tyndall on her inspection tour and became acquainted with other problems than our own. Alpha Eta is very proud to have Mary Tyndall as newly installed Grand President for there is not one better able to carry the banner of worth and loyalty.

One outstanding spring event was the presentation of our choir in a concert for the public. The evening's program was a very enjoyable one and beautifully done under the capable direction of Mrs. Frank Monroe.

At pledge time we were concerned with eight new pledges who accepted our invitation. Later a lovely initiation dinner was given for the following: Pat Mead, Donna Venis, Diane Tangeman, Mary Jane Taylor, Ann Markley, JoAnn Stodgill, Betty Kephart (Mrs. Bruce) and Deloris Alumbaugh (Mrs. Jack). Two members joined the honorary roll this year, Zoe Malcolm (Mrs. Z. E.) and Gail Rider (Mrs. Compton).

We donated to all public drives, the Community Chest and the Riley hospital; sent a bus load of children to attend symphony at Indianapolis, supported both Indianapolis and Ft. Wayne Symphonies and sponsored a girl to Girls' State.

Marriages:

Betty Bayless to Marvin Day,
Peggy Good to Richard Yazmajin,
Janice Houchin to Jack Untgraft,
Joan Schmoll to Tom Huffman.
Paula Thompson to Dr. Pierre Talbert
and Patricia Bickers to Joe Ullman.

Births:

Girls were born to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Pearson, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Roof, Mr. and Mrs. Robert LeBeau, Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Shady, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Gentis and Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Day.

Boys were born to: Mr. and Mrs. Howard Almdale, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Paxson, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Graham, Mr. and Mrs. Cecile Lockwood, Jr. and Mr. and Mrs. Martin Tonner, twin boys.

ALPHA MU CHAPTER Hartford City, Indiana

OFFICERS

PresidentMrs. Jane Maddox
Vice President.....Mrs. Naomi Kraning
SecretaryMrs. Vivian Cole
Cor. Sec'y.....Mrs. Betty Jackson
TreasurerMrs. Esther Stout
Conductress.....Mrs. Mary Eikenbary

NEWS LETTER

Comes June again, the month for handing over the records, reports, books, boxes and chests to the incoming officers; and a time to look back on the activities of the past year.

While our president's husband, coach Claude Weeks, took our high school basketball boys to the semi-final tourney this year, Jane steered Alpha Mu through another successful year.

June Markin did it again and increased our take on Hospital Tag Day to \$730.00 compared to \$400.00 realized last year. This brings our hospital fund up to \$1572.-63. Plans are being made to buy a new surgical table.

Billie Joyce and her committee did a wonderful job on the T. B. Seal sales, again exceeding the quota. Annually this is a big project for Alpha Mu, but this year and last we have had a very personal reason for it being dear to our hearts. Two of our Psi Ote husbands and one charming pledge were returned to us from Irene Byron Sanitorium in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

This year we had a food sale which was so profitable that we may make it an annual event. Martha Hughes sold our pecans and made about \$100. Our Thanksgiving dance was fun as always and Janet Kean reported a good profit on it.

During the year we contributed either in cash or work, or both, to the usual state and national drives which included Crippled Children's Society, Cancer Fund, Girl Scout Drive, Red Cross, T. B., Polio Foundation, Indianapolis Symphony and Hoosier Art Salon. Locally most of our money went to the Blackford County Hospital, food baskets for needy families at Thanksgiving and Christmas, sponsoring a child in speech training at I. U. and contributions to our new Chamber of Commerce and the newly initiated Blood Bank.

In September we started our year with a carry-in dinner. Later in the month we enjoyed a musical program ably directed by Esther Nesbit, one of our sorority sisters, who is music supervisor in our public schools.

We observed Hallowe'en with a square dance in Bob and Margaret Jackson's barn. There were many sore muscles next day, but a gala evening for those attending.

November and December were busy months. T. B. Seals and the Christmas gifts for the Indiana Association of Mental Health were sent out, but we relaxed at our Thanksgiving dance and our annual yuletide dinner party. Those were the

months that we enjoyed Cecil Gough's ventriloquist show in which he used his hand-made "dummies", and heard Mary Henley's new daughter give a book review.

In January and February we were entertained by the Dramatic Club of the high school and an enjoyable lecture on interior decorating.

Our president, accompanied by Marabelle Wesner, attended Mid-year luncheon and reported to us stay-at-homes.

March brought Mrs. Tyndall and her "Twenty Questions". We sharpened pencils and wits and though we didn't all make 100%, we're happy to report we're still one of you!

This year we entertained our spring rushees with a beautiful Sunday afternoon tea at our Elks Club. Esther Stout's new country home was the scene of our pledge party in June. The committee chose a South Sea Island theme complete with cichids, leis, palms, bamboo, fish net, soft Hawaiian music and an original dance of love unexpectedly given by some of our more talented members. Sorry that none of the pictures did them justice.

Six new members were initiated into Psi Ote and we know that each one is a happy addition to our family. They are Mrs. Mary Cunningham, Mrs. Peggy Miller, Miss Marilyn Needler, Miss Sara Jo Lord and Miss Nancy Snell.

Mrs. Patty Archer and Mrs. Janice Chandler moved out of the state; Patty to Payne, Ohio and Janice to Huntington, West Virginia. We'll miss them and hope some day they will be with us again.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Granger were blessed with a baby boy, Scott Phillip. Mr. and Mrs. James Crankshaw, Jr. were blessed with a baby girl, Barbara Mary.

ALPHA NU CHAPTER

Markle, Indiana

OFFICERS

President:Miss Gwendolyn Wilburn
Vice President.....Mrs. Robert Randol
Secretary.....Mrs. Harold King
Treasurer.....Mrs. Louis King
Cor. Sec'y.....Mrs. Kyle Mason
Conductress.....Mrs. Ira Belcher

NEWS LETTER

Alpha Nu has just completed a busy year with our very able president, Mrs. Louis King.

Our new year started in July by giving our Chapter Hall a fresh coat of paint and a good housecleaning. All work was done by several of our worthy members - they deserve a lot of praise.

August brought all of us out to enjoy a family night picnic in our city park.

In September we auctioned off our white elephants and the month of November gave us three new pledges.

December approached with our annual Christmas party and formal initiation which we all look forward to each year.

We enjoyed a delicious turkey dinner at the Dutch Mill in Bluffton with a program following.

During the month of March we were entertained with a musical appreciation program presented by one of our own members, Miss Jane Ann Thomas, and a group of her music students.

Mary Tyndall, our new Grand President, visited our meeting in April. We spent an enjoyable evening together.

Our year ended in May with the election of officers and a wonderful book review, "A Man Named Peter", given by another of our girls, Mrs. Ed Espich.

We made our money this year from our Thrift Shop which is open all summer. Also we sold sponges for household cleaning and served lunch to the Business Men at their meetings. Our new money making project for this year is operating the concession stand at our local baseball park.

Alpha Nu contributed money to the mental institutions for Christmas gifts. We also gave our Annual "Xmas Cheer" boxes, helped to support the Ft. Wayne Philharmonic and donated \$100.00 to our park fund.

We have three new members this year, Betty King, (Mrs. Harold), Ruth McHenry (Mrs. Garl) and Rosalyn Brickley (Mrs. Robert).

Babies have arrived in the homes of Bill and Marsha Thomas, Bill and Janie Harshman and Bill and Barbara Beemer.

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ALPHA XI CHAPTER Logansport, Indiana

OFFICERS

President....Wilma (Mrs. Leland) Smith
Vice Pres.....Jean (Mrs. Gardner) Abner
Cor. Sec'y..Evelyn (Mrs. Robert) George
Secretary..... Mary Margaret Heckard
Treas. Jane Ellen (Mrs. Richard) Camblin
Conductress..... Tina Winings

NEWS LETTER

This Psi Ote season, like the years 1952-1953 which mark it on the calendar, will always tie up in our memory with the words: Election - Inauguration - Coronation! To these we will add the word, Inspection, to report the season to you.

Election — The election of Lou Martin as Grand President and of Jean Abner as our president, with their slogan adopted at convention, "Harmony in all things", gave us a good beginning for a full year of harmonious pleasures and projects.

Inauguration — We carried forward the usual worthwhile projects and practices of past seasons and inaugurated several new ones. The budget was balanced by our traditional rummage sale and the sale of chocolates and peanut crunch. This Sweet Project is fast becoming Big Business in our program.

We joined the community in its annually planned charities and gave donations to the Community Chest, Red Cross, Cancer Drive, Heart Drive, T. B. Drive, March of Dimes, Crippled Children's Fund and Humane Society Fund.

We joined with the national organization in the program of gift giving to children in Indiana mental institutions and our charity chairman, Lucille Nagle, was kept busy with the good work which aids individuals and families with specific needs; glasses, shoes, clothing and food.



Pledges, retiring and incoming officers of Alpha Xi Chapter, Logansport, at pledge service and installation of new officers at country club.

Our meetings were held in the homes of our members and our regular meetings, for this reason, seemed like parties. This year they gave us the additional pleasure of a talk by Mr. McTaggart, teacher of the Crippled Children's Class in Logansport; a film showing the work of the Lutheran Deaf Institute in Detroit and a Christmas Carol Sing led by Thelma Sines.

Inspection — We were afforded a special privilege by the local Elks Club in appreciation for our assistance each year in sacking candy for their children's Christmas party, and our inspection dinner was held at the Elks Cafe where food and atmosphere are excellent. Mrs. Borden Purcell inspected our chapter, and we enjoyed her charm and profited by her helpful suggestions.

Coronation — Our social year included a clever election year guest party, a beautiful Christmas party with Mrs. Franklin Hart as hostess, George Washington's Birthday Party. Our crowning success was a candlelight pledge service, dinner party and installation of officers at the Logansport Country Club. July brought the picnic for which our pledges are always responsible, and August completed the season with the initiation of the following to Psi Iota Xi membership: Annette Elpers, Mariel Meyers, Mary M. England, Lou Ann Bauer and Faye Timmons.

No wedding bells!

Baby cups to: Rex Addleman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chauncey Addleman and David Edwin Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Johnson.

ALPHA RHO CHAPTER

Garrett, Indiana

OFFICERS

President.....Mary Hughes (Mrs. Lee)
Vice Pres.Della Hutton (Mrs. John)
Cor. Sec'y.....Phyllis Clark (Mrs. Jack)
Secretary.....Elizabeth Zecca
Treas....Helen Pickering (Mrs. Kenneth)
Conductress.....Mary Catherine Likens
(Mrs. Richard)
Ass't. Cond....Fern Moats (Mrs. Jack)

NEWS LETTER

Alpha Rho Chapter has just completed a very happy and successful year under the supervision of our president, Mrs. Harry Ridenour.

Our first meeting for the new year was a very delightful musical program. We were admitted only if wearing our best chapeaus. La-de-da.

In October we had our Dog-patch party and in November our Witches' convention. And, of course, our annual Christmas party was in December.

January brought our Bums-rush party and in February we entertained our associate chapter at a literary party. In March we had our rush party and April

our Mother's Day party. May brought our pledge service for two new members: Margy Seifert and Pat Dejolca. And, last but not least, June and initiation of new pledges and installation of incoming officers.

Oh, yes, we did have business meetings also, one each month. We sponsored our yearly linen club, Hallowe'en booth, Christmas dance, and the Girl Scouts which we do every year. We also tried a new project, a telephone-bridge, which was very successful. Then too, we had two rummage sales. Bet you thought we didn't work at all but we did and enjoyed it along with our fun.

We combined our post-convention meeting and our initiation with a dinner and party. Our delegates closed our year with high-lights of convention.

Marriages: Sue Ann Rowe to Arthur Meyers, Phyllis Leech to Jack Clark and Marjorie Bartles to Glenn Wilhelm.

Births: A daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Worman, a son to Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Jay and a son to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Colby.

BETA ALPHA CHAPTER

Flora, Indiana

OFFICERS

President.....Jo Ann Miller
Vice President.....Margaret Mabbitt
Treasurer....Lois Metzger
Secretary.....Pat Helvie
Cor. Sec'y.....Betty Garrison
ConductressDena Kesling
AdvisorMary Jane Harter

NEWS LETTER

Memories of the year of 1952-1953 will linger long with the Beta Alpha Chapter of Psi Iota Xi Sorority, this being our twenty-fifth anniversary year. We feel that we have just completed a very successful year under the leadership of our president, Jo Ann Miller, and her executive committee.

The sorority has an active membership of sixty-one, ten inactive and two honorary. The work is threefold - that of charitable, cultural and social activities. The first Wednesday evening of the month is our business meeting and the third Wednesday evening our social and cultural meeting. These meetings are held in our library club rooms.

A number of different projects held during the year were: a homemade cookie stand at the fair in July; a Bowery party presented by the sorority girls and their husbands as an appreciation program for the public in October; candy, cards and wrappings were sold in December; waist measurements were taken at our January party, each girl paying one penny for every inch! Our spring project was a



Beulah Harter cutting cake at dinner celebrating 25th Anniversary of Beta Alpha Chapter, Florida.

public food sale held in May, and vanilla was sold to pay for our new coffee urn.

Contributions were made to the Teen Canteen, scholarship fund, resuscitator, mentally ill children, Santa Claus Fund, Boys' Town, March of Dimes, Red Cross, Cancer Fund, Mental Health Drive, miscellaneous to local charity and expenses for the Blood Mobile Unit which our sorority sponsored in June.

The sorority has for public use the following: hospital beds, wheel chairs, crutches and an insufflator.

The Junior Award, being a Psi Ote ring, was presented to the outstanding Junior girl to wear during her senior year. This award went to Joyce Cripe, daughter of Mrs. Mary Cripe, a member of the sorority. The Senior Award, being a crest, was presented to the outstanding Senior girl, this being Anita Yunker and now a member of our chapter.

Inspection was held in May. Mary Krebser, our Province Chairman from Kokomo, inspected the chapter.

The social and cultural activities consisted of the Bowery party, a book review of "The Life of Mozart", a musical program - "The Life of Rossini", card parties and buffet suppers.

New members: Geneva Harmon, Jane Voorhees, Dotti Ledman, Mary Anna Scott and Anita Yunker.

Births: To Mr. and Mrs. Jack Sheagley, a daughter; to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Spitler, a daughter; to Dr. and Mrs. Daniel Brown, a son; to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jones, a son; to Mr. and Mrs. Junior Viney, a son; to Mr. and Mrs. John Chittick, a daughter; to Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Watson, a son.

BETA GAMMA CHAPTER Peru, Indiana

OFFICERS

President..Rosanna Garrett (Mrs. David)
Vice Pres. 1st.Alice Taylor (Mrs. Wayne)
Vice Pres. 2nd..Bessie Hoover (Mrs. Don)
Secretary..Pearl Robinson (Mrs. Claude)
Cor. Sec'y..Mildred Hawker (Mrs. James)
Treasurer.....Lelah Watkins
Conductress ..Betty Wilson (Mrs. Ralph)
Advisor....Charlotte Bennett (Mrs. Earl)

NEWS LETTER

Beta Gamma Chapter has enjoyed another busy and happy year under the able leadership of Mrs. Earl Bennett. Charlotte had to turn things over for a few meetings to the vice president, Mrs. David Garrett, while she took time out to give birth to a son, Blair Edward, on April 19.

Our biggest money-making project this year was selling tickets for a Terrie-Lee doll which was completely outfitted by the seamstresses in the sorority. The girls that could sew had heaps of fun playing dolls again and equipped her with cow-girl outfit, skating outfit, coats, wedding dress, formal, pajamas, blue jeans and almost anything a little or big girl's heart would desire. The girls that did not sew donated money with which was purchased a trunk for the clothes and accessories



Formal initiation of eight pledges of Beta Gamma Chapter at Honeywell Memorial, Wabash, June 8.



Terrie Lee and wardrobe, a most successful project of Beta Gamma Chapter

such as hats, purses, etc. The committee started work on this project in October and the doll was given away November 28 so Psi Ote fingers really flew.

We also sold Christmas cards, wrappings and everyday greeting cards. We had our usual rummage sales and a big auction sale at one of our business meetings.

We presented our annual \$125 nursing scholarship to Nora Hamman, who also became one of our new members. At Christmas we took wrapped personal gifts to each person at the County Home and sent fruit and candy to them at Easter. Besides these things we donated to Red Cross, T. B., March of Dimes, Cancer Fund, Y. M. C. A., Community Chest, Heart Fund and Crippled Children's Fund.

Again this year we have held the business meetings in the homes of members which is much more successful than in the meeting room at the library. Our summer parties are usually held at lake cottages or country homes of members and when cool weather comes we take to the Civic Center.

Our party for husbands and guests was held in October at the Elks Club with a dinner followed by an evening of entertainment.

Two of our patronesses, Mrs. Edwin Miller and Mrs. C. A. Baldwin, entertained us in January for our literary program which was a travel talk and colored pictures given by Dr. and Mrs. George

Meeker on their trip to the Caribbean.

In February two girls from a local department store displayed accessories and showed the advantage of their use which made the girls flock for stoles, scarves, artificial flowers and other items.

March 16 found us very nervously awaiting inspection and especially so when we were notified that the Grand President, Mrs. Lou Martin, was to be our inspecting officer. If an inspection can be enjoyable it certainly was and all due to the graciousness of Lou. I don't think the girls will look at this meeting with dread again. Before the inspection Mrs. Martin and the local officers were entertained with dinner in the beautiful new home of one of our members, Mrs. Layman Peters who was assisted in serving by another member, Mrs. Noel Davis.

April was our music program and the life of George Gershwin was given by one of our inactives, Mrs. James Noble. We also were entertained with a soloist and pianist who gave Gershwin numbers.

Candyland was the theme of our twenty-fourth anniversary dinner held at the Honeywell Memorial Center in Wabash on June 8. Everything was done in pink and really looked luscious. Pink tulle was down the center of each long table and houses made of cookies and candies, candy trees and pink candles in holders of miniature ice cream cones formed the decorations. This was an extra busy night because it was also installation of officers and initiation of eight new girls.

Six girls attended Mid-year luncheon

and six attended the convention in Bloomington both days with two more girls coming on Saturday. Beta Gamma was proud this year to see their Virginia Guisinger installed as Grand Editor.

We were sorry to lose Mrs. Charles Dove to North Vernon but know she will make them an energetic Psi Ote. We also lost Mrs. Joseph Vargo who moved to Anderson and Mrs. Richard Wallis moved to Warsaw. Both of these girls moved soon after they were initiated.

Pledges: Patricia Overmyer, Nora Hamman and Ruth Ellen Sullivan.

New members: Ruth Brunner (Mrs. H. L.), Kay Foster (Mrs. Jack), Jeanne Wallis (Mrs. Richard), Eunice Allmann (Mrs. Frederick), Elizabeth Smith (Mrs. T. E.), Helen Pecan, Doris Pribble, Mary Lou Thoennes, Martha Baker, Inger Wold, Wanda Gearhart and Dorothy Sargeant.

Engagements: Martha Butler to David Graham.

Marriages: Helen Pecan to Don E. Noland and Mary Jo Oates to Francis Downing.

A truly busy fellow the past year was "Mr. Stork" who showered his blessing on nine of our Psi Ote members. The new arrivals are: sons to Mr. and Mrs. Earl Bennett, Mr. and Mrs. David Garrett, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Eikenberry, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Warren and Mr. and Mrs. James Mock; daughters to Mr. and Mrs. Donald Cooper, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. James Myers and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Donovan.

BETA DELTA CHAPTER VanWert, Ohio

OFFICERS

President...Mrs. William Morgan (June)
Vice President.....Miss Aita Starbuck
Cor. Sec'y..Mrs. Daniel Morris (Marjorie)
SecretaryMiss Mary Jones
TreasurerMrs. Richard Gates (Ilene)
Conductress Mrs. William Good (Hannah)

NEWS LETTER

The Beta Delta Chapter started off this year with a good leader in our president, Barbara Harris.

On September 16th Beta Delta started the new year with its 23rd anniversary party, a dinner at the Berghoff Gardens, Fort Wayne, Indiana. All enjoyed the music and dancing after our lovely dinner.

The month of October soon was here with "Frost on the Pumpkins", and Halloween, with a masquerade, the girls guessing as to "Who was who?"

Our social meeting held November 18th was in the home of June Morgan. The guest speaker that evening was Attorney C. E. Drury who gave a very interesting talk entitled "In Our Old Indian Land". At this meeting we drew the lucky tickets for three turkeys which is one of our money making projects.

December is almost here and that means we all look forward to our annual Christ-



Beta Delta's Mrs. William Good,
the "Queen of Hearts"

mas party at which time we reveal names in Christmas exchange. This was a delicious turkey dinner with all the trimmings, the role of Santa was enacted by Miss Barbara Harris, the chapter president. Table decorations in keeping with Christmas were candle favors in the forms of choir boys, snow men and fawns.

Our January 20th meeting was held in the home of Mrs. Gardner at Ohio City, Ohio, at which time we observed guest



New members of Beta Delta Chapter L to R: Mrs. Herbert Morris, Mrs. Kenneth Pancake, Miss Harriet Strother, Miss Barbara Harris, Mrs. David Morris and Mrs. Richard Gates.

night. Our guest speaker was Mr. Hal V. Hunt and daughter, Barbara, who showed pictures and gave a very interesting talk on "Mexico City" which they had visited last summer.

For the month of February we entertained our mothers - this was held at the Whithall Inn and several one act plays were presented by our members. All were very much pleased with our local talent.

March 3rd was the date for our inspection meeting. The honor and pleasure was ours to have the Grand Vice President, Mrs. Ralph Tyndall, call on our group. Everyone had shaking knees and was studying madly, but we had a written test which was not as bad as we had expected.

This year pledge service was held at the home of Valeria Thomas for Marian Morris which we hope will enjoy being a Psi Ote.

For our Brownie Scout party at which we entertain every year, we showed movies and served refreshments which were enjoyed by all. The "sloppyjoes" and coke made a big hit.

Dinner, followed by initiation for Marian Morris and conducted by president, Barbara Harris, was held on May 19.

Beta Delta Chapter mixed an equal amount of work with their fun and making money by a turkey raffle, bake sale, collecting Ohio State Sales Tax Stamps for refund and sponsoring a spring dance.

Our charitable activities included donations to the Red Cross, Y. W. C. A., Community Chest, Polio Fund, Christmas Seals, Christmas basket for a needy family, floor lamp for our room at hospital and a gift to chapter member and husband who was a polio victim.

The past year "Mr. Stork" showered his blessings on three of our Psi Ote members. The new arrivals are: a son, James Gehrett, to Rosemary and Thomas R. Wilkinson; a son, James William, to Ann and Robert William Maxson; a daughter, Patricia Ann, to Patricia and Kenneth Pancake.

Beta Delta wants to say "thanks again" to Zeta for a marvelous convention. We not only had a wonderful time but gained much which will help us in our coming year.

We wish each of you a happy and successful year in Psi Iota Xi.

BETA EPSILON CHAPTER Mentone, Indiana

OFFICERS

President.....Mrs. John Boggs
Vice President.....Mrs. Curtis Riner
Secretary.....Mrs. Cecil Long
Cor. Sec'y.....Mrs. Jack Pritchard
Treasurer.....Mrs. Forrest Miner
Conductress.....Miss Annabell Mentzer

NEWS LETTER

Under the capable leadership of our



Annual July picnic of Beta Epsilon Chapter of Mentone.

past president, Vadis Ward, and with the co-operation of all our members, Beta Epsilon had a most enjoyable year. Our annual July picnic, which is eagerly awaited by all, was held at Bixler Memorial Park in Warsaw. After a very tasty meal we trooped to the movie to complete a lovely evening.

Summer found us busy taking turns operating our popcorn concession at our local softball park. Along with popping corn we sold pecans, walnuts, and cleaning sponges as our money-making projects.

Now came the time to spend our hard earned money. Donations were made to Red Cross, Cancer Fund, March of Dimes and Heart Fund. Locally we donated to the Lake Webster Rehabilitation Program contributed towards a new movie projector for the school and the Summer Recreation Program. Plans were made to purchase a score board for the new gymnasium which is now under construction.

Senior scholarship awards were presented at the close of the school year.

We also got a thrill out of sending hankies and cards to shut-ins and lonely persons at Christmas.

It gave us pleasure, too, to help in the Mental Health Program. December found our members enjoying a lovely Christmas party at the home of Vadis Ward.

One of our most pleasant memories of the year was inspection held by our Grand President, Lou Martin. Following a delightful dinner held at Petro's Restaurant, Mrs. Martin gave an interesting commentary on Psi Ote history.

We welcomed Mrs. Forrest Miner and Mrs. Arthur Kendall into our chapter. An informal initiation was held at the home of Miss Annabell Mentzer.

We were sorry to lose Mrs. Devon

Hibschman, who, with her family, moved to Michigan.

A future Psi Ote was born to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Wowk. Boys were born to Mr. and Mrs. Devon Hibschman and Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Miner.

We extend a vote of thanks to Zeta Chapter for their fine 1953 convention.

We are looking forward to the coming year and wish the best of luck to everyone.

DELTA GAMMA CHAPTER

Ft. Wayne, Indiana

OFFICERS

President... Evelyn Krick (Mrs. Frank)
Vice Pres. Adeline Hettema (Mrs. Arthur)
Cor. Sec'y Evelyn Stellner (Mrs. Howard)
Secretary... Ruth Bowen (Mrs. William)
Treasurer... Mary F. Bussard (Mrs. Chas.)
Advisor... Wanita Wunderlin (Mrs. Frank)
Conductress..... Marilyn Crouse

NEWS LETTER

Delta Gamma has just concluded a most interesting and worthwhile year.

Our year began with an informal barbeque with many new associates present. October found us at the Psi Ote House listening to William Smith speak on his leader dog and their training together. In November we had fun bidding on "White Elephants" to raise money for our pledge and initiation appointments. A real Santa (whiskers and all) brought each of us a gift at our Christmas party. With a band of combs and drums and a group of carolers, we really swung out on "Rudolph." In January, each member brought "antiques of interest" and told the stories behind them. We were most fortunate in February to have Mrs. Bertha Duemling talk to us and show slides on "American Painter". March found us busily readying ourselves for inspection and looking forward to a visit from our Grand President. We had a dinner at the Howard Johnson restaurant followed by inspection and a delightful chat with Mrs. Martin. We had another interesting meeting in March when Miss Ruth Luther, Director of Girls Physical Education in Huntington High School, and Miss Margaret Heinking, an exchange student from Germany, presented a program on "World Understanding" explaining the foreign exchange student movement and its growth. Miss Heinking told us about her life in Germany and of her appreciation for the opportunity for an American education. In April we held a joint dinner meeting with Pi chapter. Our last regular meeting of the year found our teachers having a round table discussion on "Modern Trends in Education". We concluded our years activities with our pledge and initiation services for Donna Keene and Patricia Smith.

Our principal charity project is the furnishing of a room in the new Parkview Memorial Hospital. To date we have contributed \$1500 towards our \$2000 pledge.



Officers of Pi and Delta Gamma Chapters of Fort Wayne greet Lou Martin on her inspection trip. Pictured above are: Seated L to R: Mrs. Mickey Miller, vice president, and Mrs. Kenton Dickey, president of Pi Chapter and Mrs. Martin. Standing L to R: are Delta Gamma's officers, Mrs. Frank Wunderlin, president, and Mrs. Frank Krick, Jr., vice president.

To raise money for our projects we sold perfume packets and held a rummage sale and a bake sale.

New members affiliated with Delta Gamma are as follows: Barbara Anspaugh - from Alpha Delta, Betty Anspaugh, from Alpha Delta, Julia Dixon (Mrs. Marcus) from Rho, Marjorie Dent (Mrs. Earnest) from Alpha Mu, Betty Koehler (Mrs. R. E.) from Beta Alpha, Caroline Lackner (Mrs. Robert) from Beta Rho, Frances Sellers (Mrs. Paul) from Alpha Eta, Lucille Ward (Mrs. W. L.) from Alpha Eta, and Jackie Skinker (Mrs. Thomas) from Alpha Iota.

Delta Gamma members who have moved away: Elizabeth Schmoll (Mrs. Robert) Parris Island, South Carolina; Helen Maier (Mrs. Dwight) Salisbury, Maryland.

Births to: Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Levy, a daughter; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Skinker, a son; Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Stahl, a daughter; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Schmoll, a daughter; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bussard, an adopted daughter; Mr. and Mrs. Russel Goebel, a son; Mr. and Mrs. Harold Smith, a daughter; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Summers, a daughter.

BETA NU CHAPTER

East Chicago, Indiana

OFFICERS

President.....Mary Ethel Sawyer
Vice President.....Mildred Evans
Treasurer.....Jule Keeler
Secretary.....Cecile Schuyler
Cor. Sec'yNora Trimble
ConductressMary Lou Brunswick
Advisor.....Vera Warner

NEWS LETTER

We Beta Nu girls shall always cherish the memories of this past year. Under the capable leadership of our past president, Vera Warner, we feel that it was also a successful one.

We started in September with our birth-

dated calendar followed by our rummage sale in October. For our next project we worked hard and long on the annual card party, which was held on Valentine's Day. We entertained our guests at the card party with a dessert bridge and a lovely fashion show. However, our biggest money-making project of the day was the raffle on a silver tea service.

Although we all like working together on the philanthropic projects for the year, we still enjoy those social evenings. (And it must be said that Mary Ethel Sawyer, past vice president and program chairman, did a swell job of entertaining us). We found "Your Voice Is You" presented by Illinois Bell Telephone Co. most enjoyable for our September meeting. Then the clever costumes, ghost stories, and games at the Hallowe'en party were really a lot of fun.



In November we reversed things a bit and tried to show our husbands a good time at Gentleman's Evening in the lovely home of Frances Riley.

At our Christmas party, we found ourselves traveling all through Europe via a most interesting lecture by Mrs. W. B. Van Horne which was based on her own unusual experiences abroad.

Our annual Christmas dinner dance was again a huge success at the Woodmar Country Club with many of our girls and their guests attending.

"Ecclesiastical Silver" by Mrs. Carl Erickson was the program of the evening at our January meeting. In March the girls had their own bunco party with prizes and all.

After a delicious buffet supper for the officers, with Mary Etta Hougland as our guest in April, we met in the home of Marie Lahr for inspection. We loved meeting Mary Etta so much.

Marie Lahr and Ruth Keller, two of our own girls, entertained us at our Mother and Daughter party in May with a selection of songs from several musical comedies.

During the first week in June, we spent an evening at the lovely South Side Swedish Club for a combined installation, pledge service and smorgesbord.

The big climax to a wonderful year came on June 5th and 6th when seventeen of us found many exciting and delightful things planned for us at convention in Bloomington. We had a marvelous time.

When we returned home, we were all so happy to hear of a new honor bestowed upon our own Marian Lewis. We are proud to have her serve as Northern Province Chairman this year. We are sure you'll like her as much as we do.

Now we are looking forward to September again when we will open a new speech and hearing clinic in East Chicago. We will be working in conjunction with the Indiana Society for Crippled Children.

Miss Geraldine Kauffman of Beta Nu recently had a book of mathematics published, which has been adopted for use by the public schools of Indiana.

Betty Teegarden, Phi Beta Kappa, who graduated this year from the University of Michigan, is now furthering her study of Biophysics in Bermuda.

Agnes Winters is doing a fine job as the new Dean of Girls at Roosevelt High School here in East Chicago.

New pledges: Sylvia Fliesher, Ursula Pottebaum and Nell Trinosky (Mrs. Thomas).

Births: To Mr. and Mrs. Carl Trimble, a girl, Kathleen Anita; to Mr. and Mrs. John S. Farmer, a girl, Karen Ruth; to Mr. and Mrs. O. V. Starstead, a girl, Cheryl Anne and to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Boroughs, a boy, Bruce Robert.

BETA XI CHAPTER Crown Point, Indiana

OFFICERS

President....Edith Scales (Mrs. Everett)
Vice Pres....Lillian Wood (Mrs. Harold)
Secretary...Marilyn Sigler (Mrs. Philip)
Cor. Sec'y...Florris Kurtz (Mrs. Wayne)
Treasurer Bonnie McLean
Cond...Mildred Henderlong (Mrs. Harold)

NEWS LETTER

History repeats itself - or perhaps it is tradition that finds the Beta Xi girls "manning" their Psi Ote food stand one week each year during August at the Lake County Fair with determined looks, all their reserve energy, and their favorite cakes. It's the money they're after and each does her very best to please the public and its palate in an effort to fill the "larder" for the winter spending. After "our week" last year, a survey of the project over the past years was made. Result was we renewed our faith in the fair stand once more as our chief money making project, worthy of all the hard work and inconvenience it might cause us one week each year. Lorraine Weiss and Leisel Seramur were our capable leaders.

It is easy to fall into a "rut", we find. After three years our spring style show, with card party and bake sale, has become an annual event. We have found that it increases our charity fund substantially. Helen Engstrom and Bonnie McLean did a wonderful job on this last March.

Helen Christophersen was our president last year and did a top-notch job.

We enjoyed spending our money too. Our budget contained contributions to the Riley Research, Girl Scouts, Red Cross, Cancer Fund, Polio Fund, T. B. Association, Hoosier Boys' Town, Heart Fund, Christmas Cheer (Muscatatuck). Two band

awards are made each spring to high school band students, who then are privileged to attend the I. U. Band School for one week in the early summer. We sponsor a girl at Girls' State. The Psi Ote team topped the Little League, Marian Collins' husband managed this. We aided materially in financing one of our local children for a year at I. U. at lip reading clinic. For nine weeks this spring a clinician spent four mornings a week at one of our local schools working with the children of the community who needed help in speech and hearing. Maurine Loosemore headed the Project Committee and did an unusually excellent job because of her great interest in it. Our philanthropy extended to the helping of local families who needed a boost when illness had a foothold. Our last act was to contribute \$100 to the furtherance of the summer education program at the Lake County Detention Home. Thelma Guthrie and her committee together with a committee from Tri Kappa, made Christmas a bit brighter for the inmates of the Parramore Sanatorium for they decorated Christmas trees for them.

For fun we had our social parties each month. December brought our Christmas party with Jane Krieter as chairman. This, was followed later in the month by our



Christmas dance at the Gary Country Club. Details were handled by Helen Denison and her committee and the event was a big success. The sweetheart party for the gals and their men was held at the Youche Country Club in February with Geneva Clarke and her committee making the plans. In April of each year we have a dinner party with Tri Kappa. Marilyn Sigler was in charge on our side. May brought the Mother's Day luncheon and Rosemary Jacobs, herself a new mother, saw to it that things went off smoothly.

June, of course brings pledging, initiation and installation. This is a formal occasion, and this year Audrey Wilkinson saw to it that we all had a good time after the formalities were over. Dinner and "dummy bridge" were enjoyed at the Morning Glory Inn.

This was our inspection year. Marie North, Grand Treasurer, made this event a most informative, instructive, and pleasant one for all of us. To her our many thanks.

We are glad to have Norma Jean Knight back from California. We miss Dorothy Youkey who has gone to Florida. We welcomed Ruth Dausman, who affiliated from Beta Rho, Goshen.

Our local Psi Ote Chorus did a fine job.

We will hear more from them this year. Too, welcome to our new chapter at South Bend.

Initiates: Mildred Blinn, Irene Bock (Mrs. James), Conny Palmer (Mrs. John) and Patricia Vesely (Mrs. Tom).

Pledges: Marjorie Beckman, Loretta Geisen, Sue Lunbeck, Jane Neises, Rosemary Risk (Mrs. R. James), Betty Sigler, Maxine Snider (Mrs. Dean) and Roberta Westphal (Mrs. Robert).

Births: To Mr. and Mrs. Carl Christophersen, a girl; to Mr. and Mrs. Roger Herlitz, a boy; to Mr. and Mrs. B. I. Jacobs, a boy; to Mr. and Mrs. Ray Liss, a boy; to Mr. and Mrs. Merritt Metz, a boy; and to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Vickers, a boy.

Marriages: Conny Foley to John Palmer and Barbara Piper to Kenneth Smith.

BETA RHO CHAPTER

Goshen, Indiana

OFFICERS

President Evelyn Chiddister (Mrs. Daniel)
Vice Pres... Peggy Thomas (Mrs. Robert)
Cor. Sec'y.... Mary Ellen Pease
Secretary... Nona Mae Stuck (Mrs. John)
Treasurer... June Brookbank (Mrs. Jack)
Cond... Lucille Kirkpatrick (Mrs. Paul)

NEWS LETTER

Beta Rho Chapter, under the capable leadership of Virginia Putt, has had a very interesting and profitable year.

August 14th, a pledge dinner was held at Tippecanoe Country Club with Grand Council as our guests and we also honored our Lou Martin, Past Grand President. Beta Rho is very proud of Lou-she has been an inspiration to all Psi Otes - and we have had so many wonderful experiences having Lou serve on Grand Council.

One of our cultural meetings was a talk on our Elkhart County Symphony, which we were very happy to be able to contribute to for the first time this year.

At a lovely Christmas party, Hotel Elkhart, the following girls were given honorary certificates: Charlotte Bassett (Mrs. Dale), Wanda Holtzinger (Mrs. Robert), and Phyllis Murray (Mrs. Russell).

Leah Freidman gave us a very informative talk on Elkhart County Crippled Children at our January meeting. Beside our cash donation to this fund, we have furnished transportation to their center in Elkhart for two boys so that they might receive treatments.

This past spring we were delighted to have Lou's Campfire group hold a Campfire Council for us. We were very proud of the several daughters of Beta Rho taking part. We sponsor Campfire in Goshen, and now have as our main project a building fund for the erection of a cabin on a lot in partnership with them.

Mildred Purcel, Past Grand Secretary, highlighted our April meeting, with her charming manner of inspection. In her pleasing way she gave us a very interesting History of Psi Iota Xi Sorority.

A Hawaiian program was given at our

May meeting, Nan Baughman telling us of her interesting experiences while living on the islands. In native costume she also danced the Hula for us.

Our largest charity project this past year was our donation to the new Elkhart County Hospital, which is now being erected in Goshen. We are very proud of the report that we collected one-sixth of the money raised in our Red Cross Drive along



with supplying blood donors. We sent a child to the I. U. Speech and Hearing Clinic and helped with Christmas gifts to the mental hospital.

Our Thrift Shop is our main source of income. We resell clothing and miscellaneous articles at a very reasonable price, which we feel helps many needy people. Then too, in many cases we donate clothing to people in need.

Second in our money making projects is our annual style show. This year the theme was "Springtime in Paris" and was highlighted by Chicago models showing the latest creations in undergarments.

Our Thanksgiving Dance also supplies us with some of our money, besides being a social affair looked forward to by the community.

For culture we sponsor a short story contest for high school seniors, we sent a representative to Girls' State, prepared and served dinner for 100 members of Campfire Council, supported the Indianapolis Symphony and Hoosier Art Salon.

One of Beta Rho's greatest thrills was the sponsoring of a new chapter in South Bend. On May 17th, Gamma Sigma Chapter was granted a charter and their new officers installed. Following the installation we entertained the new chapter members and Grand Council at a tea at Morris Inn, Notre Dame. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Gamma Sigma Chapter.

Pledges: Anna Chapman, Beveleyn Miller, Janet Ogle, Jo Ann Tilley, Patsy Logan (Mrs. Dan) and Betty Millspaugh (Mrs. Charles).

New Members: Virginia Rummel (Mrs. O. L.) and Ann Cummings (Mrs. A. F.).

Marriages: Joan Hiene to Wilbur Miller, Arlete Miller to Marvin Mann Jr., Nancy Rummel to Thomas Lantz, Mary Stockmaster to Edwin Blough, Dorothy Reasoner to Herbert Phillipson, Barbara Benton to Creighton Hatten, Vivian Pickering to Charles Vetter, Gladys Lung to Phillip Warner and Carolyn Beigler to Robert Lackner.

Births: To Mr. and Mrs. Earl Wogoman, a son, Steven Scott; Mr. and Mrs. John Winters, a son, John Jay; Mr. and Mrs. Max Husted, a daughter, Jean Ann; Mr.

and Mrs. Chester Alheim, a son, William Spencer; Mr. and Mrs. Keith McClure, a daughter, Cara Jo; Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Vander Reyden, a son, John Edward and Dr. and Mrs. George Westfall, a son, John Edward.

BETA PSI CHAPTER Delphi, Indiana

OFFICERS

President.....Mossie Melson
Vice President.....Lois Beasley
Secretary.....Ruth Mills
Cor. Sec'y.....Sue Schnepf
Treasurer.....Fay Ebrite
Conductress.....Mary Clifford

NEWS LETTER

Our president, Lavonne Million, can feel she has had a very successful year as our leader. She carried out the theme of "Harmony in all Things" of the convention at Goshen. Each social party was built around a song of the month.

To the tune of "September Song" we enjoyed a lovely anniversary party. Mrs. Elizabeth Kressler kept us spellbound as she presented her pictures and narrated on her tours of Europe. As we hummed "Autumn Serenade" we donned our masks and went to our Hallowe'en party. In keeping with the political conventions of 1952 we held our "Convention of the Hobos". The business meeting of the hobos was good for a whole evening of fun. We were also entertained by the hobos harmonizing on our song of the month "Shine on Harvest Moon". As we were "Dreaming of a White Christmas" we entertained our Brownie Scouts with a turkey dinner and all the trimmings. With "It's June in January" we tried to pretend as we honored our two new brides, Geneva Hawkins who became Mrs. Joseph Kerkoff and Kathleen Brown who became Mrs. Leonard Brummett.

Later in the year Janette Cassell became Mrs. Clyde Ploughe.

To the tune of "Let Me Call You Sweetheart" we had a lovely guest meeting with Martha Jo Bentley, home furnishing specialist, speaking to us. In March we had our inspection dinner. Our inspector, Mrs. Marie North, was so lovely we truly enjoyed our evening with her. Our mothers were honored at a tea in April. A group from the high school music department entertained and Mrs. Ralph Pearson gave a book review. Our patronesses, Mrs. Georgia Kerlin and Mrs. Katherine Brachneridge, presided at the lovely tea table. "In the Merry Month of May" we had such a nice pledge party. As we sang "June Is Bustin' Out All Over" we held our initiation dinner and dance. Mrs. Margaret Afflis Johnston, our first president, presided as we initiated our nine new members. They are Virginia Emerson, Julia Pyle, Marilyne Berto, Nelma Berry, Patty Dickson, Shirley Bowman, Charlene Melson,

Patricia Coble and Helen Allen Smith. It was quite an impressive ceremony as three members presented their daughters with Psi Ote pins. They were Betty Smith to daughter, Julie Pyle; Gertrude Bowman to daughter Shirley and our new president, Mossie Melson, to daughter, Charlene.

Beta Psi has used \$922.66 of its charity fund this past year. We gave new and used clothing to one family, food baskets to several families at Christmas. We canvassed the city for the March of Dimes and Mental Health Drives, and gave financial aid to these and other national and local drives. We served lunch to the people who aided with the Red Cross Blood Bank Unit. We gave to our Library Improvement Fund. Each year we give two citizenship awards to high school seniors. A speech and hearing specialist from Purdue University is holding classes this summer for speech handicapped children as our new project for this year.

To make money the past year we have sold tickets for the rides at our Old Settlers Carnival, sold chances on a man's or lady's suit or merchandise of \$75.00 at a local clothing store. Also we have conducted bake and rummage sales.

Daughters were born to Mr. and Mrs. William Sieber, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fitch, Mr. and Mrs. Merrill Hughes and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Grantham. A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Eikenberry and twins, a boy and girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Leland Julien.

DELTA ZETA CHAPTER Lafayette, Indiana

OFFICERS

President.....Mrs. Russell Beatty
Vice President.....Mrs. Donald Hurtt
SecretaryMrs. Laurel Meade
Cor. Sec'yMrs. William Saylor
TreasurerMrs. A. J. Schean

NEWS LETTER

Under the leadership of Mrs. Annie Laurie Parkhurst, Delta Zeta Chapter had another interesting and enjoyable year. From the delicious "covered dish" dinner last September to our special meeting in June, there was never a dull moment. Mrs. Parkhurst continued to charm us with "prevues" of her book reviews with one hand while she firmly lead us onward with the other.

The Finance Committee with Helena Schaen as chairman guided us through a successful financial year. Again we busied ourselves with folding advertising circulars for a local firm and at Christmas time, sold candy. Both ventures proved profitable for Delta Zeta.

Our special project of lending a helping hand to the Cary Home for Children was continued. This year we had the furniture in the reception room re-upholstered. The children were pleased and proud of their "new" furniture. And under the capable



direction and skillful hands of Esther Lamb and her committee, ten little girls at the Home were made happier and more beautiful with home permanents.

We struggled through, and survived, the terrifying ordeal of writing new by-laws. Orchids to Hazel Clark, Bernice Baynes, Catherine Askren and Gertrude Hyman.

Christmas time came and went much too quickly but we enjoyed furnishing and wrapping gifts for the children in our state training schools.

Mid-year luncheon was attended by Annie Laurie Parkhurst and Helena Schaen, our two official delegates, and their interesting accounts of the happenings were a treat to those of us who couldn't go.

In April, following a lovely dinner at the Morris-Bryant Hotel, Mrs. Mary Tyn-dall, Grand Vice President, conducted inspection. This was a very entertaining and educational meeting that left us all with the wonderful feeling of "let's do this more often."

At a special meeting in June, we pledged and initiated Carolyn Crain, daughter of Mrs. Morris Crain, a member of Delta Zeta. We are especially proud of this as it is the first time our associate chapter has ever done any pledging or initiating. We hope that we have the opportunity of a repeat performance.

We are happy to welcome, also, the following girls as new members of our chapter: Nova Fiestell and Carolyn Stewart from Gamma Delta and Helen Jones from Gamma Beta.

So ends the year with our president, Thelma Beatty, returning from convention with new ideas and plans for a bigger and better chapter.

GAMMA BETA CHAPTER Remington, Indiana

OFFICERS

PresidentMrs. Ralph A. Wagner
Vice President.. . .Mrs. Myron Meents
Cor. Sec'y.....Mrs. Arthur Knochel
SecretaryMrs. Robert Kryder
Treasurer.....Mrs. Earl Thurston
Conductress.....Mrs. Keith Butcher
Advisors.....Mrs. Wilson Bellows
Mrs. Earnest Wisely

NEWS LETTER

Ours has been a successful and enjoyable year. Under the capable leadership of our president, Dorothy Bellows, we've had lots of fun, completed many projects and furthered our charity program.

We began the year with our eleventh anniversary dinner at the Morris Bryant Hotel on June 18th.

After a month of vacation we swung

into a full and busy year. We started off with a new project of baking and selling cookies at the county fair in August. This was a big success as were our other projects throughout the year namely, soliciting for Fountain Park Chautauqua advertising in ten nearby towns, doing the laundry for Fountain Park, cake walk, coffee-donut-homemade candy stand at the Hallowe'en parade, food sale, greeting card sales and a spring rummage sale.

We Psi Otes had lots of fun, too, with many enjoyable programs and much social activity. Our programs were a demonstration of floral arrangements, a travel lecture and slides on U. S., a talk on new and old materials and a demonstration on types of make-up. For our social activity we sponsored a program for the Fountain Park Chautauqua, were hostesses to the Jasper County Health Council, entertained the other local sorority and held a "pot-luck" supper and card party for our husbands.

The meetings which are the high-lights of our year and which we all look forward to include the beautiful and impressive formal initiation and dinner in September for our pledges. This year we are very proud of Mrs. Faye McCurtain, Mrs. Richard Fox and Mrs. Rudy Baer. In October we had a weiner roast and bad taste party. Our sisters were attired in formals, as gypsies, in red flannel underwear, in pajamas, in hats with long dark veils and formal gloves, etc. They were dressed in everything except what one would normally wear to a weiner roast. We all had a hilarious time. In December we had our annual Christmas party and gift exchange. In February we entertained twenty guests with our guest night program. In April we pledged four girls after which there was rough initiation. All were entertained by the different acts put on by the new pledges, backed by the pledge sponsors. Did I say all enjoyed it? All except the pledges that is. Really girls you did great and just think next year you can sit back and enjoy it too. Last but not least, inspection of our chapter was by our Grand Treasurer, Marie North.

Our charitable enterprises were donations to T. B. campaign which we conducted, Heart Fund, Cancer drive, March of Dimes, aid to local armless boy, fund for local boy who was seriously ill, and many more.

Then came the convention and our delegates came back deeply imbued with the spirit of Psi Iota Xi. Now we are looking forward to another happy and successful year.

Births: Mr. and Mrs. Max Chamberlain, daughter; Mr. and Mrs. Allen Knochel, daughter; Mr. and Mrs. Lewis McCurtain, son; Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Scheiler, daughter; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Alberts, son.



Four pledges of Gamma Beta during rough initiation on pledge night.

Pledges: Mrs. David Hewitt, Mrs. Buford Crowe, Mrs. Herbert Burnworth and Mrs. Earl Wilder.

New Members: Mrs. Rudy Baer, Mrs. Richard Fox and Mrs. Lewis McCurtain.

GAMMA ZETA CHAPTER Ossian, Indiana

OFFICERS

President . . . Betty Rohn (Mrs. Bruce)
Vice Pres. . . Beverly Hunter (Mrs. Bruce)
Secretary . . Vada Welbaum (Mrs. Richard)
Treasurer . . Maureen Amburn (Mrs. Wm.)
Cor. Sec'y . . Maxine Melching (Mrs. Max)
Conductress . . Mary Lou Somers (Mrs. H.)

NEWS LETTER

We are looking forward to another eventful year under the leadership of our capable president, Betty Rohn, who has so graciously accepted the office again this year.

Since convention is so fresh in our minds. I'd like to start by saying "thank you, Zeta, for a wonderful time". Four of our members attended convention this year and returned home full of inspiration for the coming year. Gamma Zeta also wishes to congratulate Mary Tyndall on becoming our new Grand President. We were very fortunate to have Mary inspect our chapter this spring which enabled us to really get acquainted. We were happy our proposal at convention for two \$500.00 "return and serve" scholarships to students at Indiana University for psychiatric social work was accepted.

Some of our money making ideas were

old, some new. We had a traveling basket, birthday auctions, square dances and the concession stand at the dances. Finally we decided to divide the girls into small groups or work alone on a project. A minimum amount was set for each girl to earn. This was a lot of fun and proved there are certainly many ways of earning money.

After earning money, there are also ways to spend it. We sponsored a child at the Ball State Boarding Clinic, gave gifts to the less fortunate people in our community, T. B. Seals, remembered the small children at the state school with Christmas gifts, bought tickets to the Ft. Wayne Philharmonic concerts, and sponsored the Brownie Troupe again this year. We always look forward to Mid-year luncheon, thirteen of our members attended this year. Everyone had a wonderful time and felt honored when Gamma Zeta was given recognition for our contribution to the Psi Ote chorus.

Some of our outstanding social activities of the year were as follows: our first big party in the fall is for our husbands. For them we had a square dance at the conservation club with plenty of refreshments. A "clothes line" party was a new and clever idea. Everything was carried out along the "wash day" theme. Everyone wore a dress that had been washed but was unironed. I admit some of the dresses didn't look so hot, but some were wind blown and looked pretty neat. We entertained our patronesses and members with a theater party in Fort Wayne and saw the play "Happy Time". This spring, at one of our meetings, Mrs. George Gillie presented a travel talk about the trip she and her husband took abroad last summer. Last but not least, I must mention our very lovely Christmas and anniversary parties. Each year the girls spend a lot of time on decorations and interesting programs and they are something we remember.

We are happy this year to have four new little future Psi Otes born to Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Hunter, Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey White, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Henly and Mr. and Mrs. William Andrist.

GAMMA KAPPA CHAPTER

Brook, Indiana

OFFICERS

President.....Wilma Corbett (Mrs. Ray)
Vice Pres...Aldine Antcliff (Mrs. Harold)
Secretary Ardis Fenwick (Mrs. Charles)
Treasurer.....Juanita Spall (Mrs. Jack)
Cor. Sec'y ..Dorothy Rathbun (Mrs. Wm.)
Conductress...Gene Hershman (Mrs. R.)

NEWS LETTER

Again we wish to extend our greetings to our Sorority Sisters, both far and near! We have had a very enjoyable and worthwhile year under the leadership of our very fine president, Marilyn Clark.

It seems we have a weakness - (Eating),

so we began our year with a cooperative dinner on Sept. 8th, and closed our year, June 26th, with a dinner at the Hazelden County Club. Between the dinners we kept things going with a hard times party, which included a box supper with our husbands who took a chance and all seemed pleased with the results. We also had a lovely Christmas party which included a "partly pot-luck" turkey dinner, games, and a gift exchange. A circus party added loads of laughs to our year with everyone dressing as their favorite circus performer. Popcorn, hot dogs and all the circus trimmings were served to put us in the spirit of the occasion.



In May we had a dinner honoring our mothers, at which time we also honored our patronesses. A fine book review, "Mother Mason" was given and was a delight to all.

We feel our climax came at inspection time! After much burning of the midnight oil and many a furrowed brow, our inspection (our first) turned out to be a very wonderful experience. We celebrated our fourth anniversary at the same time and we can truthfully say a good time was had by all.

We leave the best until last, and we really feel our charity projects are the things that make us have a special little warm feeling inside when we start to sum them up. To begin with, last fall we outfitted a little crippled boy with school clothes. We have donated to the Boy Scouts, Red Cross, Cancer Drive, Salvation Army, Polio Drive and our local Halloween Carnival (proceeds go for Children's Summer Recreation Program). We donated individually, Christmas gifts to be sent to the New Castle Epileptic Colony. We sponsored the Red Cross drive, also the Blue Cross Medical Enrollment Program. We gave our annual English Award to the outstanding senior high school English student, and also two awards to the first two Boy Scouts to make "First Class". We again take great pride in adding to the beauty and usefulness of our public library with a new reading table for the children's room.

To make these things possible we have sold racing forms and pencils at our local County Fair, had a cake walk, a spring and fall rummage sale, and our big project of selling Fair Book ads. Also we tried for the first time a children's clothing exchange - this was just among our own girls.

Our cultural program has included two very interesting travel talks this year. One of our patronesses, Mrs. Lu Ethel Ade of Kentland, spoke on her recent trip to Mexico and had many interesting articles

from Mexico to show us. Mrs. Howard Washburn, Kentland, also entertained us with the story of her experiences on her trip to Hawaii.

Our chorus has been working diligently and has been doing a fine job of entertaining us. We were proud of them at Mid-year and are still digging down for our pennies for their music.

Our girls had a lovely time at Mid-year, and came back from convention again filled with enough enthusiasm for all. We feel sure we are headed for another successful and happy year.

We have five new babies to report, with several more on the way! Our two girls are Dawn Calista, daughter of Harley and Jean Clark; Jo Ann, daughter of Frank and Louise Weishaar. Our boys are Philip Arthur, son of Wayne and Lena Weishaar; David Alfred, son of Harold and Betty Rodenberg; and Donald Bross, son of Charles and Katherine Kleinkort.

All twenty of us are proud of our four new pledges: Carolyn Ade, Margaret Kindig, Jean Light and Phyllis Beagley. Our initiation services will be held in September, and we are looking forward to another good year.

GAMMA MU CHAPTER West Lafayette, Indiana

OFFICERS

President... Betty Heath (Mrs. W. W.)
Vice President... Ida Scarseth (Mrs. G. D.)
Secretary..... Jo Christina (Mrs. W. E.)
Cor. Sec'y..... Helen Pierce (Mrs.)
Treasurer... Gene Stearns (Mrs. L. E.)
Conductress... Hilda Fauber (Mrs. D. E.)

NEWS LETTER

With the closing of our third full year we feel that Gamma Mu has graduated successfully from the "baby chapter" class.

Under the leadership of our president, Jayne Gilbert, we have had an unusually busy year, with old and new projects, and a full philanthropic program.

Gamma Mu is so dedicated to working on our projects that our special social functions are unusually noteworthy to us. Our program chairman, Brenta Wykoff, did us proud again this year. The last of the "old" year, or the first of the "new" we had a delightful swim and picnic meeting at the Al Stewart cottage on Lake Freeman. Nola Harmon and her daughter joined us, coming over from their cottage at Roth Park. To make it a super occasion Miss Harmon took the children for a thrilling ride in her speedboat.

November 6th we were pleased to initiate Eleanor Milford, and welcome Cecelia Zissis and Hilda Schwehn from Delta Zeta as new members of Gamma Mu.

On November 20th we had our guest meeting at Westwood, the R. B. Stewart home. We were pleased to have a large number of guest Psi Otes with us, and to have Marie North as our honored guest. Inez Canan gave us a delightful book re-

view, and Genevieve Yaw, guest pianist, entertained us with musical selections. At this time we had a preview of one of our Christmas projects. Lillian Stewart used our sequin trimmed Christmas balls for her decorations. St. Valentines found us entertaining our Chi Otes at our annual husbands' night, this year at Sarge Biltz. We really go all out to entertain our men folk on this occasion, and I really think they do look forward to this party.

April was inspection month, and though we had been a might uneasy at the prospect of our first one, Marie North's charm soon put us at our ease. We had dinner in the Union's Chestnut Room, and then went on to our meeting in the home of Barbara Alexander. Instead of a gift for Marie, we presented her with two musical toys; a mouth organ and a pitch pipe! Then we took them right back again so they could be given to Purdue's Speech and Hearing Clinic in Marie North's honor. See how practical minded we are!

At a special meeting at the home of Nola Eppe, the new officers for the coming year were installed.

On June 4th we had a picnic supper at Shirley McTague's, and pledging service for the following:

Mildred Roberts (Mrs. O. D.); Avis Anderson (Mrs. B. L.); Shirley Jones (Mrs. R. W.); and Jane Freeman (Mrs. Dick).

Shirley is the sister-in-law of our Carol Jones and Jane is the daughter-in-law of our Phylis Freeman. We welcome them all!

During the months preceding our installation as Gamma Mu of Psi Iota Xi, we had to have a name, so we called ourselves Pixies. In other words our 'phone message would be, "there is to be a Pixie meeting at such and such a time", very secret. In these meetings it was decided our membership should not exceed 35 by 1953, so we could grow slowly and learn to know each other well. With these new pledges, we have attained our goal.

Our projects this year have been many and varied. Our fall rummage sale was very successful. A number of local stores had generously contributed merchandise to add to our own wares.

We had a very busy time in November and December decorating and selling snow-foam balls with sequins to take advantage of the boom of interest in such items. Individual sales were made by members, and we also placed them in Southworth's Book Store and the Foster Shop. Selling of Christmas wreaths was another important part of our Christmas project.

When the Marjean Village opened its new shopping district we were fortunate to be asked by our "Chi Ote" Sam Keller to "hostess" at the new Rapp store, and we received a nice fat check.

We are repeating our "Basket" project this year. We "make" something for a member: perhaps food if she is having

company, she in turn puts in a dollar or what she thinks the basket is worth, and fills the basket with something that is a hobby of hers, and passes it along to another Psi Ote until the basket has made the rounds.



Helen Keller is chairman of our thrift shop venture. We are fortunate in being able to take advantage of the already established Methodist Thrift Shop. We buy a membership for our chapter, and each member is supposed to contribute a minimum of three garments. Very successful!

We also participated in a "Book Fair" at Loeb's; had a bake sale at the Foster Furniture store; made contacts for Amana Freezers; and now are selling hand painted ties. Ah me!

Now for things that aren't money makers. Instead of treating ourselves to a Christmas gift exchange, we again gave presents to the County Home. Each lady designated what she would like: candy, hankys, perfume, jewelry, embroidery work, notepaper, etc. and then Gamma Mu members chose a name and wrapped the gift. Candy, cards, nuts and fruit were items sent to the men. We take great joy in sharing our Christmas cheer with this group.

We helped solicit funds from the local merchants for the Mental Health Fund Drive.

We think our efforts to help Girl Scouting, and Sycamore Valley Girl Scout Camp in particular, such an important part of our work that we even mention it in our invitation to membership. Again this year we had "work sessions" at camp in the spring, and the bulk of our money is earmarked "Scouts". However, we also contributed to our local Symphony, Indianapolis Symphony, Tippecanoe Health Program and Hoosier Art Salon.

And now for the delightful climax to our year's work! Our convention delegates, Betty Heath and Ellie Milford, brought back from Bloomington the Northern Province picture, "An Old Barn" by J. C. Templeton. (Another victory for Purdue!) Of course all things come to those who wait, but we didn't expect it so soon! Aren't we lucky?

Births: To Art and Ellie Milford, boy; and to Jerry and Carol Jones, girl.

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GAMMA OMICRON CHAPTER Montpelier, Ohio OFFICERS

President Mary Carter
Vice President..... Marilyn Fireovid
Secretary Donna King
Treasurer Kathryn Lyons
Cor. Sec'y Alice Watts
Conductress Helen Ensign

NEWS LETTER

Our second year as Psi Otes has been a successful one under the guidance of Marjorie McDonald.

We have had several bake sales and collected Ohio State Sales Tax Stamps as our main source of earning money.

Our social meetings in February and May were devoted to our husbands and boy friends, needless to say everyone enjoyed themselves, especially the men. They seem to think it would be fun to come to every social meeting.

Mrs. Beverly Brown, Mrs. Barbara Houser, Miss Joyce Echler and Miss Wilma Traxler were pledged November 4, and formal initiation was held November 18 in the Methodist Church. After the formal initiation everyone enjoyed a dinner at Storey's Steak House in Edon, Ohio.

We are eagerly looking forward to a new year with work on several new projects.

Births: To Barbara and James Keller, a daughter and to Connie and LeRoy Thomas, a son.

Marriages: Miss Beverly Lonabarger to Galen Brown.

GAMMA SIGMA CHAPTER South Bend, Indiana

OFFICERS

President..... Mary Jane Day
Vice President..... Patricia Cole
Secretary..... Lydia F. Naus
Cor. Sec'y..... Patricia Scott
Treasurer..... Mollie Messner
Conductress..... Kathryn McChesney

NEWS LETTER

The 82nd chapter of the Psi Iota Xi, Gamma Sigma, was newly founded and installed on Sunday, May 17, 1953 at Morris Inn, Notre Dame, Indiana. Twenty-one inactive members were reinstated and four new members were initiated. Beta Rho of Goshen, who sponsored our organization, was hostess at the installation and many of the officers of Grand Council attended the impressive ceremony.

At our first official meeting on May 25th at the home of Florence Anderson the committees were appointed by the president, Mary Jane Day, and philanthropic projects were discussed. We were authorized to send one delegate to the convention and Lydia F. Naus volunteered to represent our new chapter.

Our second meeting on June 9th was a picnic held on the lawn of Florence Anderson, serving again as hostess. During the



Officers of Gamma Sigma are pictured above. L to R: Mary Jane Day, Kathryn McChesney, Patricia Scott, Patricia Cole, Lydia Naus and Mollie Messner.

business meeting an excellent report of the convention was given by Mrs. Naus. The chapter carried a motion to purchase one patron's ticket to the South Bend Symphony Concert series when the drive begins in the fall. We also decided to volunteer services to the Women's Board of the Northern Indiana Children's Hospital and pledge support of the projects benefiting the hospital. Literature on Mental Health, to be considered for our main project, was distributed among our members.

Pledges are being considered during the summer, our pledge service to be conducted in September and initiation held in November.

We are looking forward to the coming year and wish to extend our grateful thanks to the Beta Rho Chapter for inspiring our new organization and to the Grand Council for their interest in our chapter.



Mary and Lou
Right: Eulah and Neva

ALL IN THE FAMILY

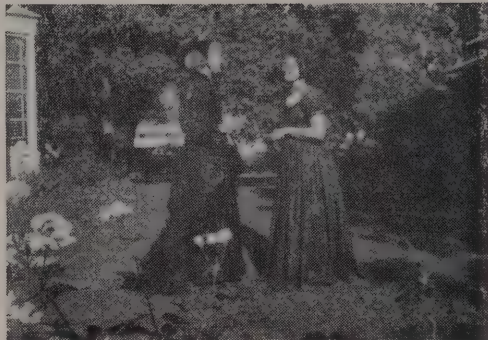
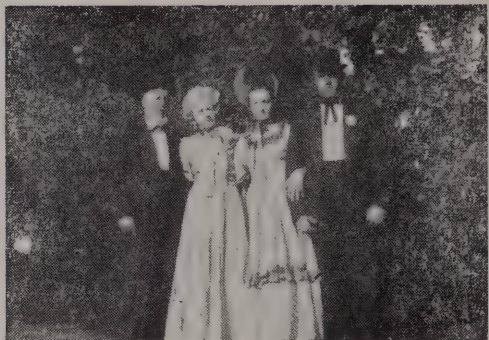
It was a particularly happy day for Jane Mayse (Mrs. W. H.) when Gamma Sigma Chapter was installed on May 17 in South Bend. Not only because as general chairman Jane had brought plans for this event to a successful reality, but because she had the unique experience of placing the active pin upon her mother, Mrs. James Naus, during the initiation ceremony.

Loyalty and service have always been a keynote in Jane's association with Psi Iota Xi; having served Beta Rho as chapter president, she continues to give her time and talents to the business of our sorority. Apparently her enthusiasm is a family characteristic. Mrs. Naus is now serving Gamma Sigma as corresponding secretary and represented our "baby chapter" at convention in June.



Lydia Mills Naus and daughter, Jane Mayse





Chi Chapter participates in Brookston Centennial

Central Province



ERMEL GORDON (Mrs. Clyde)
Central Province Chairman

Ermel Gordon (Mrs. Clyde) has been an active member of Beta Iota Chapter of Psi Iota Xi Sorority for the past fifteen years and has held the offices of secretary, vice president and president.

Ermel is a member of the Friends Church. She attended both Ball State Teachers College and DePauw University. She is very active in civic affairs, both county and local. Her main interest centers in 4-H work in which she is a past member of the board of directors and at present on the committee for the financing and building of a 4-H building in our county.

ALPHA CHAPTER Muncie, Indiana

OFFICERS

President Rosemary Bracken (Mrs. A. M.)
Vice Pres....Helen Souders (Mrs. Clair)
Secretary....Joella Voran (Mrs. Reed D.)
Cor. Sec'y Mary Evelyn Maxon
(Mrs. Harry R., Jr.)
Treasurer..Margaret Oesterle (Mrs. J. C.)
Cond...Margaret Benham (Mrs. Chas. G.)

NEWS LETTER

Under the very capable leadership of our president, Ruth Clevenger, we of Alpha have had a very successful year. Our activities started in September with our annual Founders' Day Dinner which was held at the Delaware Country Club.

We started early in the year to plan for our third annual Psi Ote Pops Concert. The theme this year was "A Night in Vienna". We were most fortunate to have as our guests the Grand President, Lou Martin, and the Grand Vice President, Mary Tyndall. This concert was a great success in every way. Our profits derived from the sale of program advertising augmented by some smaller activities enabled us to carry on our usual charity and philanthropic program. This includes our Day Nursery, speech and hearing work, two scholarships to Ball State Teachers College, Community Fund, Muncie Civic and College Symphony and Red Cross. We also help in the drives of these last three organizations.

At our April meeting we all enjoyed our visit with Dorothy Foster, Grand Symphony Chairman, when she came to inspect the chapter.

The Day Nursery has had a most successful year with capacity attendance and a long waiting list. Many improvements were made to the house and grounds. Parties were held for the children on all special occasions ending with a picnic at one of our Alpha's home in June.



Psi Otes working on decorations for Alpha's third annual Pops Concert. L to R: Isabel Drum and Margaret Benham, standing, Billie Penzel.



1953-54. officers of Alpha Chapter. L to R: Mary Evelyn Maxon, corresponding secretary; Rosemary Bracken, president; Joella Voran, secretary; and Margaret Benham, conductress.

We were quite pleased when one of our members, Margaret Ball Petty, was interviewed by the Indianapolis Star and an article entitled, "She Streamlined a Business" was written about her in the magazine section.

Our social activities included our annual Christmas guest dinner-dance and the picnic for the closing meeting in June. At this picnic pledge service was held for daughters and the new officers were installed.

New member: Jan Meredith (Mrs. John V.)

Pledges: Ann Gregory Mrs. S. G.), Eugenia Galliher, daughter; Barbara Spencer, daughter.

Marriages: Jeanne Ganter to Campbell Gillespie, Joan Kirshman to Donald Bossemeyer.

Births: Dr. and Mrs. Clyde Botkin, boy; Mr. and Mrs. Campbell Gillespie, boy; Mr.

and Mrs. John Cardle, girl; Mr. and Mrs. Fred A Covalt, Jr., girl; Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Mussler, boy; Mr. and Mrs. James Dewar, boy; Mr. and Mrs. John Fisher, boy.

DELTA CHAPTER Indianapolis, Indiana

OFFICERS

PresidentMrs. Jane Hormell (R. G.)
Vice Pres. Mrs. Georgia Llewellyn (A. N.)
Cor. Sec'y..Mrs. Nadine Johnson (J. W.)
Secretary..... Mrs Louise Gill (H. I.)
Treasurer ..Mrs. Harriet Whitson (H. J.)
ConductressMrs. Ellen Boyd (D. L.)

NEWS LETTER

When June rolls around the girls of Delta Chapter are beginning to be busy little bees getting their Indiana State Fair Booth organized. We do appreciate any Psi Otes who patronize our booth and, for those newer Psi Otes, we are located in front of the Board of Health Building. Be sure to make yourselves known to us.

As usual Delta has had an interesting year and tried not to let any grass grow under our feet. The girls who were unable to help with the Fair Booth sold pecans and netted us a tidy sum. Also, we had the proverbial rummage and white elephant sales.

We continued with our same charity projects, namely—helping a needy and deserving family that we more or less adopted several years ago, instead of buying vacuum thermos water pitchers for General Hospital. And our big project, with the help of the other Indianapolis The Speech and Hearing Kindergarten that services any Indiana child who can man-



Orchestra and part of audience at 3rd annual Pops Concert held at Ball Gymnasium, Ball State Teachers College, May 20, 1953. Decorations were all made by Alpha Psi Otes



Delta Chapter at Mid-Year

age to attend. Our help with the kindergarten is both financial and physical. There is a volunteer Psi Ote worker at the kindergarten each session.

We had a "bang up" Christmas party at the Marott Hotel with a real live Santa Claus. For a most delightful evening Delta recommends to all of you our former Grand President, Mary Anne Reed, in "A World of Hats." The same evening Mary Anne was with us we gave our own Mildred Purcell a hanky shower. For a more serious evening, Mrs. Margot Griffith displayed and lectured on her famous collection of Hummell figurines.

We welcomed three new members this year: Mrs. Mildred Burch, Mrs. Evelyn Stricker and Mrs. Olive Walters.

The stork was very busy visiting Delta girls this past year. Five new babies arrived: sons to Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Fox, Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Keeler, and Mr. and Mrs. Waldo Weller; daughters to Mr. and Mrs. Milton Retherford and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Russell.

Wedding bells rang once for Delta when



Working at Theta's Thrift Shop. L to R: Verna Swayzee, Hazel Cooper, Catherine Baughman, Elsie Morris and Sybil Gray.

Kathryn Steeg and Roy Arnold were married.

Now, did you hear Delta is having convention next year? We are looking forward to seeing you and having you join us in celebrating our fifty years as a Psi Ote chapter.

THETA CHAPTER New Castle, Indiana

OFFICERS

President Verna Swayzee (Mrs. E. Wayne)
Vice President Elsie Morris (Mrs. Howard)
Secretary Martha Mendenhall
Cor. Sec'y. Myra Jane Hoover (Mrs. Chas.)
General Treasurer Beth Gray (Mrs. Mark)
Charity Treasurer

Virginia Ingersoll (Mrs. Harold, Jr.)
Conductress

Florence Harrison (Mrs. Benjamin L.)
Advisor Judith Capshaw

NEWS LETTER

The final chapter, "Summer Speech Clinic," is all but written in the current edition of "The Adventures and Experiences of Theta Chapter."

This year's heroine was president Judith Capshaw who began her exciting episodes in the opening chapter entitled, "Officers Party." There was a dinner, games of bridge and as always plenty of talk.

A month later we invited our husbands and other guests to share our adventures. This was a dinner dance with the usual fun of bringing our husbands along.

"The Thanksgiving Charity Dance" was a very busy and important experience. The leading characters in this chapter were Ginny Ingersoll and Waneta Selke with many others working long hours. On the night of the dance a circus barker was stationed in his box at the door and drew a huge crowd. Trapeze and bright colored

balloons floated over the dance floor. Everyone had a gay circus time and the profit was most worthwhile.

Each year our Christmas banquet is a very special occasion and this year it was just as pretty and wonderful as ever. It is at this mid-year affair that we again meet with many of our honorary and college members.

'Twas in February, girls, that we started one of our most exciting adventures. Yes, we've joined the ranks of the "Thrift Shop-ers." Chairman Verna Swayzee and her committees worked hard and with excellent cooperation of the membership this endeavor has proved successful and most profitable.

This month also found us joining the Tri Kappas in entertaining our Valentines at a buffet-supper dance at the Westwood Country Club.

Dorothy Foster helped us write a chapter in our adventures in March by inspecting our group at a dinner bridge. It was an opportunity to learn much about Psi Ote and we are grateful to Dorothy for helping us to be a more worthwhile group.

In April we entertained our rushees with a "Fashion Party." Rushees were given living models on which to fashion a costume from an assortment of materials

which were made available to them. It was great fun watching the costumes being created. It seemed to be even more fun creating — draping, redraping, changing materials, etc.—to get the effect they had in mind.

One of our nicest parties of the year was that of "Mother's Day." It was a dinner at the Westwood Country Club and entertainment was provided by one of our honorary members, Mary Hammer. She gave a very delightful travelogue showing pictures which she and her husband had taken on a recent Caribbean cruise.

The last social event of the year was a dinner party on June fifteenth. Our pledges entertained us with a clever stunt, "A Day at the Thrift Shop." We then adjourned to the Presbyterian Church, where we had our impressive initiation service followed by installation of our new officers.

As always, fun and work have been interwoven in this year's adventures. To make money we had a rummage sale, a Thanksgiving charity dance, a personal project and food sale, our Thrift Shop and sold Christmas tags.

It was with great satisfaction that we spent our money thus: providing telephone service to a boy polio victim, paying the expenses of a girl attending Ball State,



Surgical table presented to Henry County Hospital by Theta Chapter. L to R: Herbert A. Schacht, Louise Allen, Evelyn Clift, Judith Chapshaw, Martha Mendenhall, Mary Phyllis Hayes and Mrs. Beatrice Anderson.

pledging \$1,586.62 to buy a new surgical table for the hospital and paying the first installment of \$500.00, presenting a journalism award to a senior girl, sponsoring a girl to Girls' State, conducting a 5 weeks summer speech clinic for 12 children with a speech handicap, sponsoring a Red Cross blood bank, and helping to sponsor a boy at Indiana University Speech Clinic. We made generous contributions to the following: Hoosier Art Salon, Tuberculosis Association, Community Fund, Crusade for Freedom, Red Cross, Society for Crippled Children, March of Dimes, American Legion Easter Egg Hunt, Heart Fund and Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra. We also donated toys for the hospital toy chest, Christmas gifts to the Indiana Association for Mental Health and assisted with the Crippled Children Easter Seal sale.

Our new members are: Mary Nell Vivian (Mrs. Donald), Gertrude Wilson (Mrs. Robert), Susan Pope, Alice Krauth, Roberta Baker, Martha Hartzell, Ann Fleming, Elaine McGinnis, Judith Life, Shirley Carpenter, Patsy Poole and Beverly Bufkin.

Births: To Mr. and Mrs. Robert John, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Duncan, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Meredith and Mr. and Mrs. William Saint.

Weddings: Marjorie Tapscott to Russell Dreyfus, Cynthia Shirk to Stanley Meek and Mildred Wiggins to Earl Bacon.

UPSILON CHAPTER Greenfield, Indiana

OFFICERS

President Betty Lou (Mrs. Robert) Shively
Vice President

Harriett (Mrs. George P.) Dickman
Secretary Jean (Mrs. Edwin) Apple
Cor. Sec'y Cherie Corcoran
Treasurer .. Ruth (Mrs. Norman) Clifton
Conductress Nancy Loy

NEWS LETTER

Upsilon Chapter has enjoyed a very successful year under the capable leadership of our twice popular president, Rosemary Sharp. With our schedule of one social meeting and one business meeting a month, we have had several enjoyable parties and at the same time accomplished much work.

Throughout the year our membership has been divided into five working groups. At the end of the year the group showing the greatest income were guests of the losers at a dinner party.

Money-making projects, other than the special group work, were the continuing sales of our Riley Plates, a monthly income from gum machines and our usual rummage and bake sales.

We were very happy to have the I.U. Speech and Hearing Traveling Clinic in our city for two days during the summer vacation.

Perhaps the most outstanding pleasure throughout the sorority year was to have our own Edna Jacobs to serve on Grand Council as Central Province Chairman. We were most happy to entertain for her and



Rosemary Sharp at Upsilon
Chapter's initiation services

to greet so many friends from all over the state. This reception was held in the early fall in our country club.

In September we enjoyed a wiener roast at the home of one of our members.

A very unique program on hats of all kinds was presented by the TV and radio star, Jeanette Elliott.

November gave us Francis Richey New reviewing the book "Forty Odd."

Christmas season brought a lovely banquet and party, after which we gave the favors and table decorations to our hospital for use during the holidays.

With January came a travel program with pictures and lecture on Guam by a local couple who spent several months teaching on the island.

Candlelight initiation services were held in February for Catherine (Mrs. Charles) Wisehart and Betsy (Mrs. Everette) Coffman.

Inspection was another enjoyable evening with Mary Etta Hougland as the inspecting officer.

April is Upsilon Chapter's anniversary month, and we enjoyed a dinner party with a musical program following.

In June we were happy to receive into our membership by initiation, Edith (Mrs. David) Lacey, Mary Cora Walker and Priscella Robards. Pledge dinner was a gala party with French cabaret accent.

Our newest projects are: the giving each year of a one hundred dollar music scholarship to a student graduating from our high school. A gift of \$1000.00 to our hospital board starting endowment fund and the sponsoring of a hospital guild, which is now making much progress.

Marriages: Marjorie Harold to Robert Holden, Jean Bussell to Edwin Apple, Marolyn Andis to Harold Reddick and Nancy Sharp to Norman Kinder.

Births: Boys to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Amich, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hardman, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Holden, Mr. and Mrs. Kieth McClarnon, Mr. and Mrs. Darwin Rihm and Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Strahl. Girls to Mr. and Mrs. John Hoss and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Murnan.

NEWS LETTER



Omega's pledges, front row, L to R: Phyllis Wright, Judy Chumlea, Julia Shumate, Margaret Davis. Back row: Barbara Bischoff, Gail Gruver, Barbara Edwards, Collen Cragun, Carolyn Cline, Ruth Ann Potts, Barbara Paxson, Nancy Boatman, Diana Downs. Not in the picture Jeanette Quellhorst.

OMEGA CHAPTER
Lebanon, Indiana
OFFICERS

President:

Thelma Cunningham (Mrs. Howard)

Vice President:

Kathryn Miller (Mrs. Earl)

Secretary: ... Peg Hardin (Mrs. Russell)

Cor. Sec'y.....Jean Gayer (Mrs. Robert)

Treasurer: Betty Maze (Mrs. Robert)

Conductress:

Helen Marie Harman (Mrs. Robert)

Omega chapter has had a busy year with many things being accomplished. Our most capable president was held over another year because she did so well in guiding us to this successful end of her first year. We worked from September through July at our business meetings, making plans to complete each of our projects and other extra money making enterprises. Our social meetings were filled with good speakers, delightful entertainment in colored slides, and other entertaining features.

Our Thrift Shop is our main money making project. It is open every Friday and Saturday throughout the year and staffed by chapter members. We also had a white elephant and food auction, food sale, our annual spring dance, sold nuts and magazine subscriptions. "Tulip Time Ball" was the theme of our spring dance and certainly was successful. We began preparing the decorations two months in advance and each person cooperated so well in each of her duties we made it the best dance ever. At one end of hall was a windmill which actually ran. This was surrounded by grass, a picket fence and hand-made tulips. At the other end of the floor were four trees which had been painted pink and on which artificial flowers were fastened. There was a false ceiling of small multi-colored butterflies which glittered in the light of the spots. Large butterflies decorated each of the sides of the dance floor. Tulips and wooden shoes decorated each of



Omega's Tulip Time Ball - part of proceeds went to Boone County 4-H Club Building Fund

the tables. "Tiptoe Through the Tulips" was the theme behind the band stand on a huge sheet of paper, each note in its right place. We sold potato chips and chances, giving away two \$25.00 bonds to the two people whose names were drawn out of the box during the evening. As a result we gave \$350.00 to the 4-H Building Fund project in Boone County.

During the year we gave generous donations to Handicapped Children, Indiana State Symphony Society, Inc., Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra, Boy Scouts of America, James W. Riley Memorial Association, Hoosier Salon Patrons' Association, Salvation Army, Art Project, Boone Co. T. B. Association, Red Cross and the Heart Fund. We sent a girl to Girls' State, supported two scout troops, supported our Psi Ote Bookshelf, our summer reading program, and our big project, the dental clinic. We examine all children's teeth up to and including children in the eighth grade. Out of this number we try to help an average of 15 needy pupils, giving them the full financial help. Our Christmas party was spent in helping to prepare a happy Christmas for our mental health patients. We brought gayly wrapped packages which were to be sent by our Mental Health Chairman to our province chairman for these less fortunate individuals. Also we took a donation to buy extra gifts for them.

Brownsburg invited our chapter to one of their social meetings. We enjoyed the book review, music, refreshments, and especially the opportunity to know our Psi Ote sisters better.

We entertained our prospective members at two rush parties, one of which was an informal coke party in one of our member's home. The other party was a larger one at which we played canasta and bridge. Fourteen girls were pledged and a breakfast given in their honor. This year was a special year and we enjoyed it so very much. It will linger in our memory for a long time because nine of our pledges were legacies.

New Members: Mrs. Jack Hughes, Mrs. Clayton Abbott, Barbara Bischoff, Diana Downs, Barbara Edwards, Nancy Boatman, Judy Chumlea, Carolyn Cline, Coleen Cragun, Margaret Davis, Gail Gruver, Barbara Paxson, Ruth Ann Potts, Jeanette Quellhorst, Julie Shumate and Phyllis Wright.

Marriages: Helen Marie Ulrey to Robert Harman, Mary Frances McKenzie to Arthur W. Garlieb, Jr. and Mary Ann Sloop to James R. Cabler.

Births: Sons to Mr. and Mrs. Leo Richman, Mr. and Mrs. James Pauley, and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Reinkin; daughters to Mr. and Mrs. Ray Kesner, Mr. and Mrs. James Myers, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Walters, Mr. and Mrs. Keith McCormick and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Paulk.

ALPHA ZETA CHAPTER

Thorntown, Indiana

OFFICERS

President Barbara Stall (Mrs. John)
Vice President Margaret Loveless
Secretary . . . Marjorie Ottinger (Mrs. Max)
Cor. Sec'y . . . Irene Hitch (Mrs. William)
Treasurer Henrietta Vehling (Mrs. Fred)
Conductress Louise LaFollette
Advisor Wilma Woody (Mrs. Allan)

NEWS LETTER

Looking back over a successful year under the leadership of our president, Wilma Woody, Alpha Zeta recounts many happy, profitable activities.

We started last summer with a jewelry party which proved to be enjoyable and profitable. After a summer pitch-in supper Jerrienne Craig, in her own enthusiastic way, told of her experiences at Girls' State.

Our 29th anniversary was celebrated with a dinner at the Crawfordsville Municipal Club. Following the dinner pledge service was held for three girls.

We had a food sale, sold candy, and chances on a doll with complete wardrobe, the clothes made by our members. Books have been added regularly to the Psi Ote Book Shelf at the library by our membership in the Book-of-the-Month Club. Glasses were provided for needy children as recommended after examinations at school. Our members cooperated beautifully in the mental health Christmas project. One of the patients at the Epileptic Village at New Castle acknowledged her gift and our members have corresponded with her during the winter.

Our pledges proved their versatility by presenting a clever, original program following their pledging. In November the impressive initiation service was held in the parlors of the Presbyterian Church. As their money making project the new members sponsored a supper given in the town hall.

We contributed to Red Cross, Polio, Tuberculosis, and Heart Funds and are sponsoring Nancy Piety at Girls State this year.

Our programs have included a talk by a nurse who recently returned from Communist China, two book reviews, a musical program, an evening of poetry, a family get-together, and a party honoring our mothers. Our inspection with Mrs. Purcell was most helpful and enjoyable.

We are now looking forward to another wonderful year of work and pleasure in Psi Iota Xi.

New members: Lois LaFollette, Wilma Jean Nay (Mrs. Frank), and Nellie Mae Smith (Mrs. Merritt).

Births: To Mr. and Mrs. Richard Woody, a boy.

ALPHA IOTA CHAPTER

Richmond, Indiana

OFFICERS

Pres....Barbara Pickering (Mrs. Frank)
 Vice Pres....Marcia Kelly (Mrs. William)
 Secretary..Norma Cromer (Mrs. Charles)
 Treasurer..Gaynelle Fallon (Mrs. Joseph)
 Cor. Sec'y Carolyn Jellison (Mrs. Roland)
 Cond.Ellen Stevenson (Mrs. David)
 Project Chairman.....Betsy Turner
 Publicity ChairmanDorothy O'Maley

NEWS LETTER

Alpha Iota Chapter may proudly look back over the preceding year with a rewarding sense of achievement.

Our activities began with a get-together picnic in September, after which we began making plans for a full and busy year. Our first project was a spaghetti supper and bazaar in October. Everyone attending enjoyed the supper as did the members who helped make it so successful. We hired professional cooks to prepare the food, but all of the planning, serving and dishwashing was done by Psi Otes. This project enabled us to put over \$100.00 in our charity fund.

Richmond's Fall Festival, held annually by the local merchants, afforded an opportunity for some of our members to participate in community affairs. Several Psi Otes acted as judges for the various contests at the street fair, and also for the costume parade on Hallowe'en night.

In November one of our meetings was spent folding Tuberculosis Christmas seals. In addition, each member gave at least one more hour of her time to help prepare the seals for mailing.

December brings our busiest, happiest season. Perhaps one of our most heart-warming projects is the preparation of a Christmas basket for a needy family. One of the highlights of the Christmas social season in Richmond is the Psi Iota Xi Snow Ball, an annual formal dance held at the Leland Hotel. The college crowd home for vacation especially anticipates this pleasant evening of dancing and of meeting old friends again.

Throughout the winter months we were happy to be able to contribute generously to the Community Chest, Red Cross, Townsend Center and Day Nursery. In addition we provided camperships to Girl Scout camp and to Richmond's Hilltop day camp.

We planned a card party and bake sale for our spring project, the proceeds of which were to go to the YWCA Building Fund. Our party was well attended and all the baked goods were sold down to the last crumb. It was a happy, grateful group of Psi Otes who presented a check for \$300.00 to the secretary of the building fund.

In May some of our members served as receptionists at an art show in Richmond's Civic Hall. And here it is time for pledging again—which seems to prove that time spent in happy and constructive endeavor passes very quickly indeed.

New Members: Norma Cromer, Angi Davis, Janice Liford, Marge Mercurio,

Winifred Weiss, Nancy Brown, Judy Emslie, Jane Lawler, Mary Margaret Linn, Mary Stuart Mann, Raquel Ravinet, Nancy Kilev and Jean Wildermuth.

Births: Daughters were born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Beck and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Porfidio.

Sons were born to Mr. and Mrs. Reed Berry, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Adams, Mr. and Mrs. Byron Dare, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kessler, Mr. and Mrs. Robert McGarvey, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Minot, Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Rudolph, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Stevens, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. Robert O'Maley.

Marriage: Janet Weiss to Thomas Carnes

ALPHA LAMBDA CHAPTER

Zionsville, Indiana

OFFICERS

President .. Mrs. Mack (Catherine) Ross
 Vice President

Mrs. Max (Marjorie) Turley
 Cor. Sec'y Mrs. Marion (Wilma) Hudson
 Secretary Mrs. Bob (Doris) Baker
 Treasurer

Mrs. George (Martha) Graves, Jr.

NEWS LETTER

Greetings from Alpha Lambda to all Psi Otes everywhere.

As we told you in the last edition of the Helicon, Zionsville celebrated its centennial in August of last year. Our gala float, on which all members worked diligently from June until August, won us a handsome first prize. In addition to our float we donned the latest fashions of 1852 and sold canes, umbrellas and balloons, which netted our charity account a tidy sum.

Everyone is always eager for the first meeting in September. It brings with it our annual bazaar. This year we increased our sorority account by a total of \$70.00 purchasing our sisters' homemade brownies, cakes, pies, aprons, ceramics, flowers, etc. As is customary, we sold Christmas cards, everyday cards and had our usual bake



Initiation this year held an unusual thrill for Mrs. Glenn Markland, second from right, an honorary member of Alpha Lambda Chapter, as she saw her third daughter take the Psi Iota Xi vows. Pictured with their mother are L to R: Louise (Mrs. Charles) Miller, Marilyn (Mrs. Jake) Foster, and Martha (Mrs. George) Graves.



The novel float, made and sponsored by Alpha Lambda Chapter, won first prize in Zionsville Centennial Parade. Escorting the float are two "prospective Psi Otes", daughters of Mrs. Mack Ross and Mrs. Meredith Smith.

sale for our other money making projects.

We had no large charity project this year because we are saving our money miserly with the hope of doing something really terrific for our new school, which will start construction in September of this year (1953).

Our usual donations were made to the Tuberculosis Association, Red Cross and Salvation Army. We also purchased two season symphony tickets, supported the Hoosier Art Salon, the Psi Otes Chorus and the Mental Health Drive.

It made us all happy to have Alice Atkinson, daughter of Lib (Mrs. Charles), win our \$100 scholarship, which we give annually to an outstanding senior boy or girl. This year we gave our recipient of last year's scholarship another \$100 to help continue his studies at Indiana University.

Alpha Lambda joined other local organizations in helping to beautify Zionsville's Lincoln Park by purchasing a white aluminum bench and making a cash donation.



Proudly modeling their new robes are the 1952-53 officers of Alpha Lambda Chapter.

Our annual Senior Girls' party in April turned out to be quite instructive as some of our more talented members entertained us by giving demonstrations on how to make ceramics and decorate a cake. Mrs. Mabel Sparks, one of our patronesses, showed her stone collection.

In October we entertained the IMPS, a sub-deb club sponsored by our chapter, with a weiner roast at the Boy Scout Camp. They in turn entertained us with a lovely tea held at the Christian Church.

At Christmas time we joined hands with the Delta Sigma Kappas for a very successful dance held at the Ulen Country Club in Lebanon. Of course we cut the opposite sex in on this (we hope to be) annual affair.

It was a pleasure to have Mildred Purcell, Grand Secretary, conduct our inspection for us at our March meeting. Mrs. Purcell was entertained at the Frog Pond for dinner preceding the meeting.

New Members: Yolanda Cox (Mrs. Monroe), Bobbie Modrall (Mrs. Donald), Louise Miller (Mrs. Charles), Eloise Northam (Mrs. David), Marjorie Oden and Patty Bailey.

Births: Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Markland adopted a son.

Marriages: Joyce Harding to Dale Meyer and Jean Ferguson to Clarence Kelly.

ALPHA PHI CHAPTER

Fortville, Indiana

OFFICERS

President .. Alice Manifold (Mrs. H. M.)
Vice President

Esther Flanagan (Mrs. Ray)
Secretary Edna Ferrell (Mrs. Glenn)
Cor. Sec'y...Doris Shaffer (Mrs. William)
Treasurer June Fink (Mrs. Loren)
Conductress . Mary Lib Mahin (Mrs. Louis)
Advisor Charlotte Jones (Mrs. Charles I.)

NEWS LETTER

In this our twenty-fifth year, Alpha Phi is completing a very prosperous and bountiful year under the able guidance of our retiring president, Charlotte Jones.

Even before our meetings started in September we had purchased a hearing aid for a school child. Also we bought new tables for the kindergarten we were instrumental in starting last spring. We continued our last year's project of serving monthly meals to the Chamber of Commerce. In September we had a silver anniversary dinner with honorary and four charter members sharing a lovely cake with the active members.

During October four members attended a tea at the Greenfield Country Club in honor of Edna Jacobs, our Province Chairman. This month we had a "come as you are" party. There were many unique attires. Colored movies taken during the evening were shown at a later meeting with many varied comments.

November was a busy month with the election and serving the election boards their meals. Also our very impressive

pledge service was conducted for three new members. The final wrapping and packaging of gifts for children in our mental hospitals was completed at this time in order to distribute them in time for Christmas. Since our recording secretary had moved away temporarily, we elected Doris Shaffer to fill her unexpired term. Again we sold candy turtles during the holiday season.

December 10 our Christmas party and initiation service was held with the honorary members invited. A gift exchange followed the dinner. Two readings were given in keeping with the Christmas carols for the remainder of the program. Flowers were sent to all shut-ins at Christmas.

In January a Valentine party was held at the Shelter House. The evening was spent playing bridge and canasta.

Thanks to Beta Phi of Shelbyville for a grand luncheon and style show. Twelve of our members attended Mid-year. Five active members and one honorary member served as hostesses one afternoon during the Hoosier Salon exhibit. At our February meeting Jean Warfield, an inactive member, presented an impressive and inspiring book review "A Man Called Peter" by Katherine Marshall. One of our honorary members and some of our active members are taking instructional training for leadership in the Girl Scouts. We have obtained the services of a tutor for a boy who has been unable to attend school. We hope to continue this instruction until he is accepted for the summer Speech and Hearing Clinic at Indiana University.

A lovely dessert bridge was held during the month of March. Each girl was presented with a plant to start her spring flower garden.

Inspection was conducted in April by Edna Jacobs our Central Province Chairman. This was preceded by a delicious chicken dinner. An interior decorator from Indianapolis displayed many new drapery fabrics and discussed informally their adaptability in our homes.

May was again a busy month. Several of our members conducted the Mental Health Drive with a "house to house" campaign in our community. Our annual dance was held May 2 at the Grandview Country Club. It was truly a May dance with May poles and decorations in keeping with the spring season! This month a Sunday afternoon musicale was presented in one of the local churches by the Kokomo High School Choir. This organization is conducted by Mary Adeline Faussett, an alumnae member. The May social party was a Scavenger Hunt with prize for the winning team. Everyone ransacked their trunks for red flannel underwear and a recipe for "Shoo Fly Pie!"

Eight members attended the June convention at Bloomington. Thanks to Zeta Chapter and to the chairman, Margaret Reed, for a grand convention.

Our last meeting of this year was a dinner bridge. Installation of officers was held, followed by an enjoyable evening of bridge. We were glad to have some of our honorary members present and also two alumnae members.

New members: Mary Rose Rees (Mrs. Lowell), Janet Arthur and Julia Ann Springer.

Births: To Mr. and Mrs. George Hendrix, a boy; to Mr. and Mrs. James Perkins, a girl; to Mr. and Mrs. Gene Apple, a girl; to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Turner, a boy; to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Brandom, a boy; to Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Jones, a girl and to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lewark, a girl.

ALPHA CHI CHAPTER

Hagerstown, Indiana

OFFICERS

President Evadine Bryan (Mrs. Jack)
Vice Pres. .. Sarah Hoffman (Mrs. Clyde)
Sec'y... Jaunita Weber (Mrs. Raymond)
Cor. Sec'y... Wilma Wright (Mrs. Richard)
Treasurer.... Alice Walker (Mrs. Harry)
Conductress... Norma Stohler (Mrs. Gene)

NEWS LETTER

A busy year passes quickly, and so it has been with Alpha Chi. Ours was a most pleasant and successful one due to the initiative and energy of our members, and the help and leadership of our retiring president, Jean Wichterman.

We were proud to bring home from convention for the second consecutive year, the second place Achievement Cup for the philanthropy. We hope to be able to top amount of money per capita spent for this next year.

This year we stuck to our three tried and true methods of earning money: rummage sales in fall and spring, the Christmas bazaar and our annual card party and style show.

The Christmas bazaar seems to get bigger and better each year. This year it was a riot of colorful toys, bright aprons, luncheon sets, paintings and plaques. Then there was the food—ah, what food! There were cakes, pies, chicken and noodles, and hot doughnuts. We had trouble keeping them in stock long enough to get them in sacks. Along with our bazaar we had a lovely doll which was given away to a local woman who in turn presented it to a little girl in Riley Hospital. We had a miniature fish pond which was fished dry by little anglers who came to look at the toys.

The chairman of our card party, held in March, was Mrs. Raymond Weber, and under her direction, it was most successful. The clothes were never lovelier, the models showed every type of costume from beach wear to formals and a bridal costume. Spectators and players munched home-made candy and sandwiches, and some of the lucky ones took home beautiful table and door prizes.

We continued our dental and school



Reception following wedding of Barbara O'Neel, to Robert DeWeese. Mrs. Edwin O'Neel, mother of bride is at right. Mrs. Fred Bennett at punch bowl.

lunch programs throughout the year, as well as our Christmas baskets to needy families, and to several elderly persons whom we remember each year. In addition to these projects, we purchased a resuscitator for the delivery room at Henry County Hospital in New Castle.

Our local grade school had need of a new record player to be used by the speech and hearing therapist, and this was presented to the school in June.

Strictly on the social side, in October we had a picnic at Scout Lake, which turned into a singing bee with Sarah Hoffman strumming on the ukulele. Much good food was consumed, and two local girls gave an account of their trip to Girls' State.

Our husbands' party in February was informal and lots of fun. All in all, we've had a very full year. To climax it, we gathered at the E. A. A. park for a picnic, then progressed to Mrs. Edwin O'Neel's for a stunt by our pledges.

For our Guest Night in the spring, we invited our sister Psi Otes from Centerville, Richmond, Cambridge City and New Castle. Our guests were held spellbound by Mrs. Jeanette Noland of Indianapolis telling of her career as a writer.

The convention reports were given by Mrs. Jack Bryan and Mrs. O. M. Aders.

Pledge service was held at the Hartley Hills Country Club for the following pledges: Jane Lacey (Mrs. Floyd), Virginia Stevens (Mrs. Vaughn) and Eileen Kern (Mrs. Kent).

Wedding bells rang for Carolyn Marlatt and Malcolm Smith and for Barbara O'Neel and Robert DeWeese.

Baby boys were born to the following couples: Mr. and Mrs. Richard Conder, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Allen and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brown.

Our best wishes go out to all our Psi Ote sisters. See you at Mid-year.

DELTA BETA CHAPTER

Indianapolis, Indiana.

OFFICERS

President..... Mrs. W. R. Porter
Vice President.....Mrs. Paul Nicely
Secretary.....Mrs. Lavern Laughlin
Cor. Sec'y.....Miss Mary Louise Eluere
Treasurer.....Mrs. Alberta Myers
Conductress.....Mrs. Robert Taylor
Advisor.....Mrs. John Cockley

NEWS LETTER

Delta Beta has completed another year of fun, cultural improvement, and service. It began with just pure fun at a "pot-luck" supper where hearty sampling of sister Psi Otes' favorite recipes and catching up on events of the summer were the principal items on the program.

At the second meeting, however, we settled down to some serious listening and thinking when Donald Bruce, news commentator on Station WIRE, discussed Communist infiltration into our country and our responsibility as citizens to combat it.

We relaxed again in November and took a picture trip to Europe with our own Barbara McDougal who showed movies of her trek through England, France, Italy, Holland and Switzerland.

The Christmas season brought carolers to sing folk songs that were a mixture of solemnity and gaiety that is Christmas, and we furtively wiped away a tear as we listened to the story of "The Littlest Orphan and the Christ Baby." To this meeting we brought 75 gifts for the inmates of the state institutions for the mentally retarded. They were beautifully wrapped and tagged so that each prospective recipient would have a suitable present.

Because we believe that our own members have much that is worthwhile to share with us, we gathered at two later meetings to hear our honorary sisters, Jeanette Nolan and Mary Ann Reed, tell us of their respective "trades." Jeanette let us in on some of the secrets of being a successful author and Mary Ann made the matter of whipping cloth and wires and ribbon into hats seem so simple until we tried it afterward.

The chapter postponed a big fund raising project until another year, but had a steady source of revenue from the sale of fancy nuts, greeting cards and stationery. A sufficient amount was realized so that we could contribute generously to the Indianapolis Hospital Development Fund, Red Cross and to purchase a T. B. bond. It enabled us to continue our interest in the little boy who has long been a victim of tuberculosis of the spine. We gave him recreational gifts for Christmas and his birthday, provided clothing and met some of his medical expenses. Our largest undertaking was the contribution of \$200.00 over a two-year period to the kindergarten

class of the Indianapolis Speech and Hearing Center. Chapter members also serve as volunteer assistants to the trained therapist whose endeavor is to prepare the pre-school age deaf children for entry into normal school life.

Five new members were added to Delta Beta rolls during the year. They were Miss Marjorie Smith, Miss Jane Epley, Mrs. Roger Cooper, Miss Betty Jo Bledso and Mrs. Jane Reed Peden.

Jane was one of our two brides. Her marriage to James E. Peden took place early in the year. In June, Ann Johnson was married to Lt. James F. Houie.

The stork made quite a few visits within the chapter with the following results: Jean Forrester, a girl; Alice Snider, a boy; Maxine Taylor, a boy; Gloria Martin, a girl; Margaret Risch, a boy and Mary Strapulas, a boy.

BETA ZETA CHAPTER

Summitville, Indiana

OFFICERS

President

Mrs. Martha Van Ness (Mrs. William)

Vice President

Mrs. Helen Irwin (Mrs. Francis)

Secretary Miss Achsah Smith

Cor. Sec'y

Mrs. Mary Jane Brewer (Mrs. Edward)

Treasurer

Mrs. Margaret Vinson (Mrs. Harold)

Conductress

Mrs. Jane Kurtz (Mrs. James)

Advisor

Mrs. Priscilla Howell (Mrs. James)

NEWS LETTER

After one of the nicest conventions in Elkhart, Indiana, Goshen hostess, Mrs. James Howell, president, Mrs. Arthur Miller, corresponding secretary, and Mrs. M. O. Nottingham, advisor, made their report at a dinner meeting at the home of Mrs. Robert Baur.

For a literary program, Mrs. Baur gave a very fine travelogue of her year of travel and study in Europe and Miss Graham told about her winter in Florida.

"My Little Girl" party was fun. All came dressed like children and the program was in keeping with the evening. Our "Thanksgiving Bounty" party was held in Alexandria, Indiana, at the Indiana and Michigan Electric Company's service rooms. At this time we had the shower for the mentally ill. Each girl brought gifts for both boys and girls. It was at this party we entertained our husbands and friends. "Crazy Bridge" was played after a bountiful Thanksgiving dinner.

One of the most delightful Christmas parties was held at Margaret Vinson's newly remodeled and refurnished home. The program was in keeping with this joyful season—carols, a Christmas tree, gifts from Santa and refreshments were enjoyed by all. Our Christmas cheer baskets have become a "must" from the members. Each girl takes a family to befriend.

We always have a "Jolly Time" when hearts are played at our Valentine party.

Mrs. Jane Kurtz and Miss Marjory Ann Howard were pledged at the home of Mrs. Alma Rose Vinson. At this time we held our annual spring auction and hat show. This particular party is something we anxiously await. Each member brings cooked food and other articles for sale. The auction is "silent." This brings in quite a bit to be added to our treasury. On March 24th we met at the "Critchley Home" in Anderson for a dinner meeting with inspection and initiation for Jane Kurbz and Marjory Howard. Mrs. John Krebs was our inspecting officer. We enjoyed the meeting and the chapter profited by Mrs. Krebs's recommendations.

One of the "hi lites" of the year is our birthday party. This year we celebrated our twenty-third year at the home of Mrs. Lois Milling. Mary Jane Forrest reviewed the years with fashions dating from one hundred and fifty years to the present. Mothers and other friends were entertained at a lovely evening party and book review in the entertaining rooms of the Christian Church. The newly elected officers were installed at a lovely candlelight service in the home of Mrs. Madalene Himelick. A gift was presented Mrs. Howell, retiring president, she in turn presented her officers with a remembrance.

The new president, Mrs. Martha Van Ness, and Helen Nottingham, advisor, attended the convention in Bloomington. They gave a fine report of the affair. The president read her committees for the 53-54 year. As we glance over the year we have had a very successful and happy one—also a sad one.

We had a booth at the Lions Festival netting quite a handsome sum. With our rummage sales, auctions and festival booth we have been able to pay our obligations and have a neat sum in our treasury.

One of the nicest things we have done is to pay the tuition of a girl at Ball State. We have helped in many other projects and have made donations to many calls in town and community.

We are looking forward to a happy and successful year under the leadership of our new president and her group of officers.

New members: Jane Kurtz (Mrs. James) and Marjory Ann Howard.

BETA ETA CHAPTER

Centerville, Indiana

OFFICERS

President

Norma Schondelmayer (Mrs. Harold)

Vice President

Myral Jackson (Mrs. Stanley)

Cor. Sec'y..Norma Mason (Mrs. Richard)

Treasurer . Mary Lichtenfels (Mrs. F. C.)

Secretary . . . Betty Martin (Mrs. Walter)

Conductress . Deborah Dean (Mrs. Ralph)

Scrap Book

Charlene Crowe (Mrs. Kenneth)

Publicity .. Kathleen McMinn (Mrs. Olen)

Advisor .. Alice Hodowal (Mrs. William)

NEWS LETTER

Under the very capable leadership of our



Cast of Minstrel sponsored by Beta Eta Chapter

president, Mrs. William Hodowal, and with the full cooperation of all our members, we have completed a successful year.

Rose Day was a new money making project for Beta Eta but with Mrs. Walter Martin as chairman and Mrs. Olen McMinn as co-chairman, it couldn't help but be a success. We sold 230 dozen roses with Mrs. Kenneth Crowe who sold 35 dozen receiving a gift for selling the most. The Centerville High School Band gave an enjoyable concert at the close of the day. Another new but very successful project was our minstrel which we presented in March. We are very grateful to Mrs. Kendal Mathews, chairman, Mrs. Ralph Dean, co-chairman, and all who so willingly helped to make it a success.

Our only other money making project was the annual Milk Fund Tag Day with Mrs. Marvin Staats serving as chairman.

Contributions for T.B. Seals, Red Cross, Community Chest, Polio Fund, milk lunch for school children, Mental Health, the Fireman's community Christmas party, a television set for a crippled man, and play ground equipment for our new grade school building were our charity projects.

All work and no play was not our motto for we had many lovely social gatherings. July, our anniversary, was a lawn party at the home of our president. We entertained the Girl Scouts at our Hallowe'en party in October. In November we had our guest party with 84 attending. December was our Christmas party which was a pitch-in and gift exchange. We pledged three girls at our February party. They were Mrs. Larry Mabe, Mrs. Paul O'Neal and Mrs. Henry Nolte. Our party in March was a dinner at which we met our very charming Province Chairman. May was our Mother's Day party and June our annual dinner and initiation.

This closes our year for '52 but we hope to begin a new year with much enthusiasm.

Marriages: Virginia Outland to J. Brandon Griffis, Janice Hatfield to Robert Schaeffer, Beverly Crowe to Gene Lehr.

Births: Mr. and Mrs. Paul Slonaker, son, Stephen Paul; Mr. and Mrs. George McConaha, daughter, Beth; Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Hines, daughter, Shirley Kay; Mr. and Mrs. William Halev. daughter, Jane Virginia; Mr. and Mrs. Gene Lehr, son, Donald Craig; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Martin, son, Joe David.

BETA THETA CHAPTER

Eaton, Indiana

OFFICERS

President ... Betty Gibson (Mrs. Delbert)
Vice President

Hazel Barger (Mrs. R. Clifford)

Secretary

Mollieann Williams (Mrs. Orville)

Treasurer Margaret Huffman (Mrs. John)

Cor. Sec'y.....Rose Pierce (Mrs. Miles)

Conductress Janice Cool (Mrs. Ted)

Advisor Elleen Carter (Mrs. Watson)

NEWS LETTER

Under the capable leadership of Hazel Barger and with the cooperation of all members, we of Beta Theta have had a most successful year.

Glowing reports were brought back from convention at Elkhart by Pauline Brewer and Rosemary Smoot. Elleen Carter also attended. All enjoyed it immensely, thanks to Beta Rho.

We had our annual picnic in August and on September 2 celebrated our 21st anniversary at the Towne House in Muncie. We also initiated Jean Buller Cox, June Masterson Lye and Virginia Brammer at that time.

At Christmas time we were entertained at the lovely new home of Rose Pierce and had a gift exchange.

Our Gentleman's Night party this year was a bit different and made us all breathless. Pat Riebeling, Wanda Lewellen and Garnet Marsh planned a square dancing party. It was held in our Community Service Club Hall with young people from Rural Youth doing the calling. Prizes were given to the best dressed couples and favors of red bandannas, used as table decorations, were given to the gentlemen. We all

enjoyed the chili, pie and coffee as well as the square dancing—no wonder we were breathless.

Spring always brings our senior girl party. This year we entertained them at the Pittenger Student Center on Ball State Campus. Lillian Gibson, Pat Butterfield, and Ida Steele planned the lovely affair.

We had our usual programs on art, music, and literature at some of our social meetings during the year.

Our ways of making money for the year consisted of a last minute booth at the Eaton Fair. This booth was constructed over night by Nettie Neff, Rose Pierce and their husbands. We sold pie, lemonade and coffee. We hope to expand it this year. We also had two rummage sales, a food sale and bazaar at Christmas time, sold Christmas cards and wrappings, a white elephant sale and a raffle at each business meeting.

With the proceeds from these we bought some chairs for the Community Service Club Hall, donated to Eaton Community Fund, gave awards to most outstanding senior boy and girl, wrapped gifts for mentally ill children at Christmas, supported the Indianapolis Symphony by buying tickets and gave \$250.00 to the Eaton School for more fluorescent lights. Clothing was also sent to Korea. We sent a boy to the Ball State Speech and Hearing Clinic.

A bit of sadness has come to us this last month. We are losing Pauline Brewer who would have been our president this year. She and her husband, Wilbur, are venturing into the tourist cabin business near Wabash. The best of luck to them. We also lost one of our good workers earlier in the year when Ernestine Kuhn moved to Alton, Illinois. We are very fortunate in having Betty Gibson as our new president in place of Pauline. Betty has been a very efficient Publicity Chairman for three years—all are looking forward to working with her this next year.

We thoroughly enjoyed inspection this year. Dorothy Foster's lovable personality put all of us at ease. We can only hope we made as good an impression on her as she did on us.

Our congratulations and best wishes to all new grand officers.

New members are: Jean Buller Cox, June Masterson Lye and Virginia Brammer.

Pledges: Mae Bixler (Mrs. Perry), Wanda Pankey (Mrs. Albert) and Ann Crooks.

Marriages: June Masterson to Howard Gilbert Lye, Elise Roach to Clifford Singleton, Jean Buller to Charles Cox, and Barbara Nixon to Donald Borntrager. Barbara is now affiliated with the new chapter at South Bend.

Births: A daughter, Pamela Kay, to Har-



Pauline Brewer, Wanda Lewellen and Pat Riebeling, of Beta Theta, Eaton, wrapping Christmas gifts for children in mental hospitals.

riett and Herschel Roberts; a son, Nickalas Jay, to Shirley and Gurvis Conner; a son, Stewart Ridgely, to Gloria and Neil Johnson now residing in Fort Wayne; to Jane and William Huffman, a daughter, Molly Ann, and a son, Garry Lee, to Wanda and Lavon Lewellen.

BETA IOTA CHAPTER Farmland, Indiana OFFICERS

President Mrs. Dorothy Schetter
Vice President Mrs. Faye White
Secretary Mrs. Dorothy Tom
Cor. Sec'y Mrs. Florence Sites
Treasurer Mrs. Joanne Smith
Conductress Mrs. Sue Morris

NEWS LETTER

We started our year off with fun. In June, we invited our husbands to be our guests at a pitch-in picnic held at the country cottage of Dr. Byron and Virginia Nixon. Swimming and games were enjoyed by all.

After fun, of course, there is always thought of getting down to business and earning money so that we may make the lives of others as well as ourselves a little more enjoyable. Our chapter was divided into three groups, each group having three months in which to raise money to reimburse our bank account. We netted \$210.90 from the sale of candy; \$38.40 from sale of pecans; \$93.82 from a rummage sale. Also, as the entertainment for one of our meetings, we had a white elephant sale. Really, this was lots of fun and also rewarding as we added \$31.85 to the treasury.

We believe that we have enriched the lives of many this year—some of the reasons for this belief are as follows:

1. Sent a girl to Girls' State.
2. Gave spending money for a child at Ball State Speech and Hearing Clinic.
3. Gave a \$50.00 scholarship.
4. Gave a \$50.00 donation to purchase canteen books for veterans in the Marion Hospital.
5. Gave \$25.00 toward the purchase of T. V. sets for the Orphans Home and Infirmary of this county.
6. At Christmas gave baskets to three needy families and candy to shut-ins.
7. Gave money to help buy lunch for a family who lost their mother in a tragic accident.
8. Purchased two tickets to Indianapolis Symphony.
9. Purchased T. B. Bond and contributed money and time to other national drives.
10. Members gave individual gifts at Christmas to be sent to hospitals for mentally retarded children.
11. Helped the Lions club at their refreshment stand at their annual Tractor Pull.

A very nice Mothers' Day tea was also given with approximately 250 attending. Barton Reece Pogue was guest speaker.

I may have the cart before the horse in

not mentioning our five new members first because they have certainly helped to keep things rolling. They are Carolyn Carmichael, Jacqueline Hodgins, Evelyn Mendenhall, Marjorie Toney and Beverly Steiner.

Mid-Year was enjoyed by six of our members this year.

Two of our members have had perfect attendance the past year, namely: Ondavere Toney and Kathryn Foutz.

Record of births are as follows: daughters to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Briggs, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sites, and Mr. and Mrs. Claude Stanton; sons to Mr. and Mrs. John Hubbard, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Thornburg, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wagner.

Marriages: Beverly Steiner to Charles Bowen.

We have enjoyed and believe we have accomplished much the past year under the very capable and friendly leadership of our president, Mrs. Mary Ellen Talley.

BETA PI CHAPTER Cambridge City, Indiana OFFICERS

President Mrs. Verlin Beeson
Vice President Mrs. Jack Hart
Secretary Mrs. Weldon Beeson
Cor. Secretary Mrs. Dale Ellsbury
Treasurer Mrs. Paul Roettger
Conductress Mrs. James Bertsch
Historian Mrs. Robert Davis

NEWS LETTER

Beta Pi Chapter greets you. We are a group of busy girls again this year with our concession stand at the park skating rink. As this is our main source of income we work long and hard to make a success of it. And if this summer's intake is as successful as past years we will be well rewarded.

We were not too busy selling popcorn, candy, ice cream and pop to initiate our two new pledges and to install the new officers. Our new members are Margaret Ellen Wasson (Mrs. Joe) and Ruth Grigsby Downing (Mrs. Carroll). Ruth by the way was our only bride of the year.

The past year has been most successful due to our very capable president, Mrs. William Blair. We have had our share of fun but still accomplished a lot too. Our social calendar included an interesting travel talk by Mrs. Roma Phiry, Director of Children's Activities of the Speech and Hearing Clinic at Ball State College, and an evening's entertainment by Miss Pearl Bartley of Connersville. We were inspected by Mrs. Edna Jacobs of Greenfield and found her most helpful and instructive.

This year we sponsored our milk project again and helped with the same worthy causes as in past years. We campaigned for and gave to the Mental Health Program. We gave \$100 scholarships to Cambridge City and Milton and gave \$100 to the Straughn's school for buying equipment. Milton and Straughn have given us some very good Psi Ote members and both communities have supported the sorority for a number of years.

Two new wee Psi Otes entered the world this year, arriving at the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Roberts and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Mitchell. Two non-Psi Otes arrived, one each to Mr. and Mrs. James Bertsch and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Green.

Our chapter lost two members this year. Helen Jaehne moved to Florida and Marjorie Green moved to New Castle. We are always sorry to lose our girls but we know our loss is someone's gain.

Our delegates had a wonderful time at convention and came home full of new ideas and reports.

May all Psi Ote chapters have a most prosperous year.

BETA TAU CHAPTER

Frankfort, Indiana

OFFICERS

President Gloria Fife (Mrs. James)
 Vice Pres. Judy Hodge (Mrs. Joseph)
 Cor. Sec'y .. Mary Akers (Mrs. Robert)
 Sec'y.....Margaret Farrell (Mrs. Robert)
 Treas. ... Virginia Caldwell (Mrs. Edgar)
 Cond. Mary Jean Strain (Mrs. Lloyd)

NEWS LETTER

Another year has passed, another convention to remember, and now it is time for the Helicon report.



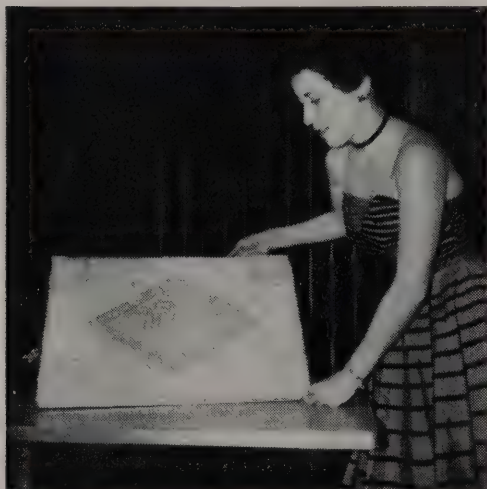
Pledges of Beta Tau Chapter. L to R: Miss Linda Hood, Mrs. Margaret Reichart, Mrs. M. E. (Halcie) Moore.

Sojourner."

Our big event of the year came in February. We sponsored the well-known Purdue Glee Club under the direction of Albert P. Stewart. And as expected, Mr. Stewart gave us a wonderful program.

April brought around inspection time. We had a lovely dinner at the country club with Mary Krebser from Grand Council present to inspect our chapter.

We celebrated our 17th anniversary in May with a formal dinner and pledge service at the Elks Club. Our new members-to-be are Mrs. Margaret Reichart, Miss Linda



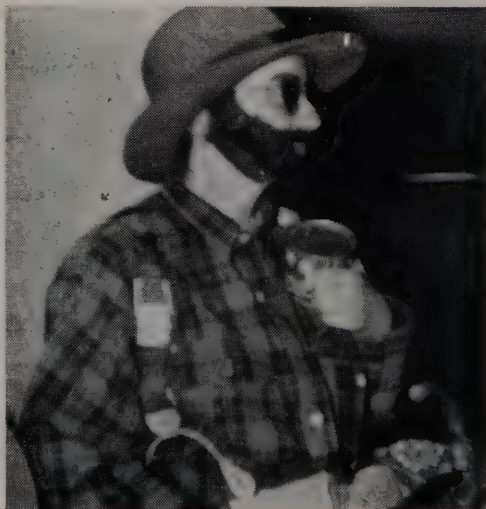
Eunice Kreisher holding birthday cake at Beta Tau's 17th anniversary party.

Beta Tau started its year with an initiation and dinner party in September.

The Thanksgiving season was high-lighted with a formal dance at our local country club. In addition to our dance, November brought around our "Husbands and Friends" party which was held at the Isaak Walton cabin with square dancing as the evening's program.

Our annual Christmas party was a buffet supper at Helen Erdle's home. Of course, Santa Claus was present with gifts for all.

Our literary program was in January with Mrs. Nelson Parkhurst reviewing Marjorie Kinnan Rawling's novel "The



Guess who? Mrs. Joseph Anderson of Beta Tau was the prize winning hobo.

Hood, and Mrs. Morris Moore.

During the year we donated to the usual national organizations: Red Cross, March of Dimes, Scouts, Cancer, Heart, etc. We helped our local Rotary Club pack clothing to be sent to Korea. In April we took over the job of recruiting blood donors for the Red Cross. We also furnished treats every week for the residents of the Park View Home.

Marriages: Margaret Blunk to William Dewart, Annis Blunk to Robert Dale Baker, Greta Pickard to Al/C Arthur Burns, Shirley Grafton to 2nd Lt. Richard Ricker.

Births: To Mr. and Mrs. Pierre Douglas, a boy; to Mr. and Mrs. LeMoine Strain, a boy; to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Braden, a boy; to Dr. and Mrs. Raymond McDonald, a boy; to A 1/C and Mrs. Russell Neal, a girl.

DELTA EPSILON CHAPTER

Muncie, Indiana

OFFICERS

Pres. . . Mary VanSkyock (Mrs. Rolland)
Vice Pres. and Cor. Sec'y

Lottie Vickers (Mrs. William)
Sec'y Beck Carmin (Mrs. Max)
Treas. . . Madonna Chalfant (Mrs. Claude)

NEWS LETTER

With pleasant memories of the 1953 convention with us, we look back over the year's activities.

Our September meeting was a pleasant one with several of our members attending Alpha Chapter's Founders' Day Dinner.

The December meeting took the form of a Christmas dinner party held at our new L. A. Pittenger Student Center. A beautiful Christmas story was told by one of our members, Zelpha Danner, and a gift exchange followed.

Our most important money making projects are our two rummage sales, one in the spring and one in the fall.

Our charity work consisted of helping the mentally handicapped, filling of Christmas baskets for some worthy families, giving to the local hospital building fund, the Muncie Symphony Orchestra and helping with the speech and hearing work.

Our last meeting of the year was a dinner meeting at the Mandarin Inn and we were privileged to have a first hand glimpse of the "London Coronation" given by Mrs. Charles VanCleve who had just recently returned from a trip abroad.

Birth: To Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Collier, a son, Kenneth James, on March 6, 1953.

BETA UPSILON CHAPTER

Mount Vernon, Ohio

OFFICERS

Pres. . . Wynnee Warden (Mrs. Franklin Jr.)
Vice P.-Jacquie Upham (Mrs. Stephen, Jr.)
Secretary Melva Dorton (Mrs. Glenn)
Assist. Sec'y Mickey Newell (Mrs. Edward)
Treasurer Alice Curtis (Mrs. Henry)
Assist. Treas. . . Aileen Gill (Mrs. Charles)
Cor. Sec'y LouAnne Walker (Mrs. Gerald)
Cond. . . . Barbara Stafford (Mrs. Ralph)
Advisor. . Kathryn Seibold (Mrs. Charles)

NEWS LETTER

Beta Upsilon spent the past year in much the usual manner—business, bridge, good food, hard work, and the traditional Psi Ote fun.

Our projects continued: the weekly book-mobile service at both of our local hospitals remained the most hour-consuming project. This year we added notepaper, postcards, stamps, and pencils for sale to patients. We gave birthday presents to all of the children at the County Children's Home and Christmas gifts to each of the charity patients at the hospitals. At our Christmas party, we constructed corsages of greens, ornaments, and ribbons for all of the ladies at the Home for the Aged. We were amazed at our artistic talent! A great deal of time and thought have been given to our newest project; the planning and equipping of a playground in memory of Susan Upham, one of our charter members who passed away two years ago.

Funds for our activities have come from our two annual rummage sales, tax stamp refunds, magazine sales, and a very successful benefit bridge party given in May.

In January we initiated three Psi Ote daughters into our midst: Barbara Heckler, Joan Culbertson and Carol Vaupel Surlas (Mrs. Frederick, Jr.) Now two more Mount Vernonites, Barbara Cassaday (Mrs. Charles) and Jane Rudin (Mrs. Walter) are wearing Psi Ote ribbons of gold and turquoise.

It has been an especially busy year for four of our Psi Otes. In December, Mr. and Mrs. William Ward had a son, David; in January, Mr. and Mrs. Rex Lamb, Jr., had a daughter, Christina; in February, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Upham, Jr., had a son, Stephen III; and Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Surlas, Jr., have a brand new baby boy.

We feel that Kathryn Seibold and all of the other 1952-1953 officers can be proud of another successful Psi Ote year.

BETA CHI CHAPTER

Waynetown, Indiana

OFFICERS

Pres. Ethel Mae Holman (Mrs. Russell)
Vice Pres. Pauline Grenard (Mrs. Richard)
Cor. Sec'y Vivian Venis (Mrs. Merle)
Secretary . . Eileen Kenyon (Mrs. Richard)
Treas. Elizabeth Kirkpatrick (Mrs. Nolan)
Conductress . . . Glenn Birdcell (Mrs. John)

NEWS LETTER

Beta Chi's officers have proved they were very capable in the direction of our activities. To the new chapter formed during the year we wish success in all her undertakings. One of our most enjoyable meetings was when Mrs. Mildred Purcell inspected our chapter. She is a lovely person and we appreciated the information she gave us.

Our work wasn't long in getting started. New officers seem to have a way of seeing that we are kept busy. Our pop corn machine has been a very reliable way of making money for several years. It was always interesting at each meeting to see

who received the donated gift which, if you were lucky, cost you a dime. This usually netted us enough to keep our Cheer Fund going. We also have a Birthday Fund. Another interesting money raising project was the "Time Auction." "Talent is where you find it" and our lady auctioneer, Bonnie Simmons, assisted by Rosalie Capehart as clerk, really did a fine job. They auctioned such things as food, car washes, rug and bed spread dyeing, porch washing, baby sitting, sewing, and meals to mention only a few. Some of the girls made lapel pennants in the high school colors and sold them at tournament time. All these projects added to our treasury.

While our demand for charity is not too great we gave attention to a boy who needed dental work done. For some needy children we bought school clothes and school lunch tickets. We helped buy the drapes for Culver Hospital Nurses Home, newly built and furnished. Our entire membership belongs to their Hospital Guild with one of our Psi Otes serving on their board. We have supported all the national drives and made the drive with good response for the Mental Health Ass'n.

On the less serious side were social events, namely: Husband's Night, the anniversary dinner, a tea in honor of the senior girls, and a very interesting trip to Europe via a descriptive talk by Mrs. Mary Lou Wilson of Crawfordsville.

Three of our group became associate members. Mrs. Walter Moore, a bride, moved to Tipton; Mrs. Russell Keeling, a past president, moved to Cumberland; and another past president, Mrs. Ernest Huffman, moved to Indianapolis. We were sorry to lose these girls.

During the year there were two births, both girls, one to Mr. and Mrs. Manson Simmons and one to Mr. and Mrs. Marx Merrill.

As "Time Waits on No One" thus we have concluded the fourteenth year of Beta Chi Chapter of Psi Iota Xi.

GAMMA ALPHA CHAPTER

Portland, Indiana

OFFICERS

President.....Olive Hudson (Mrs. Fred)
Vice Pres....Carolyn Jellison (Mrs. Gareth)
Secretary..Mary Bess Walters (Mrs. Ivan)
Treasurer..Suzanne Brigham (Mrs. John)
Assist. Treas..Norma Puckett (Mrs. Wm.)
Cor. Sec'y Donna Kercher (Mrs. Richard)
Conductress.....Betty Frank (Mrs. Don)

NEWS LETTER

Gamma Alpha had a very successful and enjoyable year under the leadership of Julia Starbuck.

Our first and largest project was our Fifth Annual Antique Show. Every girl participated 100 per cent in making this a great success. This year we had sixteen dealers. The money goes into our scholarship fund. We are scheduled to give three scholarships this year.

We are already working on our Sixth



DOROTHY (MRS. JOHN) SHERMAN

A new member of Gamma Alpha Chapter.

Show which is to be at the Portland Armory, October 17th and 18th. We hope to have a bigger and better show than ever before.

Next came our annual Valentine Dance for which the committee worked very hard. The theme this year was "The Top Hat." Clever decorations were used throughout. This being one of Portland's social events of the year, we had a large attendance.

For the second year Gamma Alpha was in complete charge of the drive for "The Crippled Children's Society of Jay County." This entails addressing, stuffing and mailing letters for the Easter Seal Drive, counting all money received, selling Easter lilies, and distributing rabbit cards to the school children. This year we went almost \$1,000.00 over our goal which was very outstanding as most of the drives in our county did not meet their goal. At Christmas and Easter we presented gifts to the home bound children being taught by the Society. We have a standing account at a bookstore whereby the teacher may purchase extra supplies which are not provided by the Society. At present we are working on a card file system which will be of great help to us in our drive next year.

Gamma Alpha worked on the Mental Health Campaign this year. We worked three nights addressing and stuffing envelopes to be mailed out.

Also we were an active member of the Portland Forum Series which brings high type talent to our city. We also contributed to Salvation Army, Tuberculosis Fund, Cancer Fund, Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts, Riley Hospital Fund, Polio Drive and Red Cross Drive.

Our money making projects other than

our Antique Show were candy sales, white elephant auctions and rummage sales.

Our Christmas dinner and gift exchange was held at the Grange Hall. We all had lots of fun and the decorations were lovely.

This year for our rush party we held a dinner dance at the country club. All the girls invited their husbands or boy friends. We had a lovely dinner and afterwards danced to the music of a local band. We gave gifts to the senior girls.

Gamma Alpha ended the year with the annual June Banquet at the Grange Hall. Initiation services were held for the new members at the Presbyterian Church preceding the dinner. The theme of the dinner was "The Circus." Clever decorations of the circus animals and scenes were used. The program consisted of imitation of circus characters by some of our members.

Gamma Alpha was proud to take in the following new members: Mary J. Weaver, Mary Lou Kerns, Martha Sue Kerns, Roberta Black, Naomi Wiley Schoeff, Carol Wehrly, Geneva Hunt (Mrs. John), Mary McLaughlin (Mrs. N. G.), Dorothy Sherman (Mrs. John).

The stork was busy this year, bringing daughters to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Snyder, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Miller, Mr. and Mrs. James Adams, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Bowen,

and Mr. and Mrs. Gene Wiley. They will make good Psi Ote material in about 1970. A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. William Schoenlein.

Dan Cupid was busy too. Four of Gamma Alpha's members were married during the year, Marcia Jellison to Robert Ford, Norma Denny to Jack Imel, Molly Valentine to Earl Schoenlein, Jr., and Nancy Miller to Philip Hampson.

GAMMA DELTA CHAPTER Attica, Indiana

OFFICERS

President...Ada Miller (Mrs. Lawrence)
Vice Pres..Berniece Abel (Mrs. Desmond)
Secretary.....Elaine Rumas (Mrs. John)
Cor. Sec'y..Maxine Meredith (Mrs. James)
Treasurer....Ruth Bridge (Mrs. Russell)
Conductress..Elizabeth Day (Mrs. Clair)

NEWS LETTER

As we come to the end of another Psi Ote year we can think back to one of lots of good times and accomplishments. With our schedule of one social meeting and one business meeting a month we have had several enjoyable parties and at the same time accomplished much work.

Our first social meeting of the year, which is always a "pot luck" supper in September, was held this year at the lovely



Initiates of Gamma Alpha Chapter. Standing L to R: Martha Sue Kerns, Mary Lou Kerns, Mary J. Weaver, Mary McLaughlin (Mrs. N. J.), seated: Carol Wehrly, Roberta Black, and Naomi Schoeff (Mrs. Jack).

country home of Aldine McKee. After supper we all enjoyed hearing each girl tell how she had spent the summer vacation. Needless to say this offered quite a variety of experiences.

An evening of bridge was enjoyed at our parties in October at the home of Harriet Knowles and in March at the home of Beatrice Simpson.

November brought the answer to many of our dreams when we met at the home of Ruth Robertson to go on a trip around the world (in make-believe of course) with Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Hesler. We had many wonderful experiences and saw many beautiful sights.

Of course we all look forward to Christmas time and along with all our many interests is our Psi Ote Christmas party. We had a dinner at the Attica Hotel and lots of fun exchanging gifts. Along the serious side we as usual sent gifts to the Infirmary of both Tippecanoe and Warren counties, and the individual members sent Christmas cards to the inmates of both homes. Also during the year many of us remembered these same people with birthday cards.

January offered us not only a way of having loads of fun but also a way to make money for our chapter. We met at the home of Marquita VanLandingham for a "parcel post sale."

The highlight of the year was our April meeting. This was a joint meeting with Covington for inspection. We invited as our guests for dinner at the Harrison Hills Country Club. Mrs. Marie North, Mrs. Mildred Purcell and the girls of the Covington chapter. After dinner Mrs. North and Mrs. Purcell conducted a joint inspection of our two chapters. We then enjoyed a wonderful musical program presented by the Covington girls. This was their exchange program with us. Our exchange program to them was a book review by one of our members, Marguerite Smith.

We had pledge service in May at the home of Eleanor Poston and initiation service in June at the Harrison Hills Country Club for our three new members. We were happy to welcome Mrs. Arthur Clawson, Jr., Miss Janice Carr and Miss Waneta Rice to our group.

Our one main charity project for this year was a contribution of \$1,000.00 to the building fund for a new wing to be added to our Community Hospital in Williamsport. Due to the great need of the hospital in our community we chose to concentrate our efforts on this one project. In addition we gave to the Cancer Fund and continued buying vitamin capsules for underprivileged children.

We made our money with a rummage and food sale in October, a magician show in November, a "parcel post" sale in January and an L. S. Ayres and Company style show in April. We also sold furniture polish and magazine subscriptions.

Six of our girls attended Mid-year luncheon and reported a wonderful time.

Ada Miller and Harriet Knowles were our delegates to convention in Bloomington.

We have had one wedding, Mr. and Mrs. Don Yoakum, Jr. (Mary Ann Williams). And the stork visited only one member, Mr. and Mrs. William McIntosh, who have a new daughter.

GAMMA EPSILON CHAPTER Covington, Indiana

OFFICERS

President... Anna Aldridge (Miss)
Vice President.. Mildred Crawford (Miss)
Secretary.. Helen Ricketts (Mrs. Raymond)
Cor. Sec'y .. Edna Belle Shelby (Mrs. R.)
Treasurer. Iris Blye (Miss)
Cond. Ruth Kieran (Mrs. Ruth McMahon)
Advisor Ruth Dicks (Mrs. Larry)

NEWS LETTER

Gamma Epsilon Chapter, with enthusiastic Ruth Dicks at the helm, sailed a very worthy course this year. Our activities were many and varied.

Initiation was held for Mabel Fairchild and Rosemary Tudor in April just before our joint inspection with Gamma Delta Chapter. The Attica chapter was hostess at a lovely dinner at Harrison Hills Country Club prior to the inspection. The musical program was given by our chapter chorus members under the direction of Bea Fenters.

The "Kid" party and Hallowe'en masquerade were really lots of fun and we probably would never have guessed who the "Box" was if the time hadn't arrived for masks to be removed.

In December our Christmas party was a progressive dinner beginning at Anna Aldridge's home. After the first course was served we were entertained with Christmas carols sung by Psi Iota Xi children. The dinner was served at Margaret Henthorn's home. Then we journeyed to Ann Osborn's home for dessert and gift exchange which was cleverly handled by Ruth Kieran.

In January we were hostess to Gamma Delta Chapter and Marguerite Smith entertained us with one of her clever book reviews.

"Anniversary parties come and anniversary parties go," but this year Anna Lee Patton, Eloise Smith, Shirley Cruea, Mildred Crawford and Iris Blye planned the most interesting and clever dinner party at the 300 Club with Mrs. L. K. Mitchell speaking on "Dolls and Your Hobbies."

"Cynthia,—the Psi Ote," our doll for which we made a complete wardrobe and on which we sold chances, was a financial success. We really became very attached to her before she left us on Christmas eve to make a little girl happy. We will dress another "Cynthia" next year.

The Purdue Glee Club Concert was our main source of income this year. We were

gratified with the financial success as well as the community's appreciation to us for bringing such outstanding musical entertainment to our small town. Next year we plan to sponsor another concert by the same group.

Square dances were sponsored by us and some financial profit was derived as well as a lot of pleasure to young and old.

The Fountain County Cancer Drive was again sponsored by us and the officers of the local unit are all members of Gamma Epsilon and Gamma Delta Chapters.

Our charitable activities included donations to fund drives, Christmas baskets, and clothing, sending a high school junior to Girls State and buying school lunches for needy children.

A son was born to Pat Starkey and a girl to Margaret Suzuki.

Our new president, Anna Aldridge, and Edna Belle Shelby, corresponding secretary, attended convention and brought back interesting reports. Six members attended the Saturday sessions also.

Gamma Epsilon established a scholarship fund this year for a high school graduate. It was awarded to a boy who plans to attend Wabash College.

GAMMA ETA CHAPTER Knightstown, Indiana

OFFICERS

President ..Annabelle Siders (Mrs. Dale)
Vice President.....Marjorie Hayden
Secretary..Geneva Bales (Mrs. Herschel)
Corresponding Secretary . Mabel Trotter
Treasurer.....Lavonne Vinsonhaler
Conductress..Lucille Mettel (Mrs. Lloyd)

NEWS LETTER

Gamma Eta Chapter has had a very successful year under the capable leadership of Mrs. Richard Copper.

In charitable work we contributed to the Red Cross, March of Dimes, purchased a

T. B. Bond, Mental Health, Civic Cheer Guild, Indiana Heart Foundation, and bought two tickets to the Indianapolis Symphony. We also clothed a family at Christmas and sponsored a girl to Girls' State.

Our biggest project for the year was installing a heating system in the shelter house. We also helped with the post-prom project.

Money for our charity fund came from rummage sales, bake sales, New Year's dance, selling tea towels, potato peelers, sponges, raffles and a dance review.

In October, we celebrated our sixth anniversary with a party at the George Washington Hotel in Lewisville, Ind. This was a happy occasion and was well attended.

Our New Year's dance was a big success and was enjoyed by everyone.

April brought inspection for our chapter. A lovely dinner was held at the White Kitchen in Dunreith for the officers and our inspecting officer, Mary Etta Hougland.

In May we had our annual May breakfast honoring the senior girls.

Members gathered at the George Washington Hotel in Lewisville, Ind., for pledge service and dinner. Those pledged were Barbara Hewitt, Fern Manning (Mrs. Harry) and Bernice Cooper (Mrs. Kenneth).

Our initiation was held July 17 at the Shelter house.

Births: To Mr. and Mrs. Donald Patterson, a daughter, Debora Rae, and to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Caudill, Jr., a daughter, Nancy Ann.

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Members of Gamma Eta Chapter, Knightstown, at Mid-Year

DELTA CHI CHAPTER Washington, D. C.

OFFICERS

President Altina Phillips
Vice President Margaret Stormont
Secretary Phyllis Gaynor
Treasurer Aileen Taylor

NEWS LETTER

Greetings from the Capitol City, to our chapters back home, from Mrs. Kenneth Cavanaugh (Rho Chapter, Angola, Indiana), Miss Catherine Covell (Rho Chapter, Angola, Indiana), Mrs. Homer Cupples (Alpha Beta Chapter, Seymour, Indiana), Mrs. James K. Gaynor (Sigma Chapter, Greensburg, Indiana), Miss Elwynne Griffith (Alpha Pi Chapter, Scottsburg, Indiana), Mrs. Morris Jessup (Alpha Tau Chapter, Petersburg, Indiana), Mrs. Harold Lovelace (Theta Chapter, New Castle, Indiana), Mrs. A. Turley Mace (Delta Chapter, Indianapolis, Indiana), Mrs. DeWitt Mower (Alpha Pi Chapter, Scottsburg, Indiana), Mrs. William Murphy (Alpha Kappa Chapter, Franklin, Indiana), Mrs. Robert Phillips (Rho Chapter, Angola, Indiana), Miss Margaret Stormont (Alpha Sigma Chapter, Princeton, Indiana), Miss Aileen P. Taylor (Rho Chapter, Angola, Indiana), Delta Beta Chapter, Indianapolis, Indiana), Mrs. Herman Kelly, Jr. (Beta Beta Chapter, Sullivan, Indiana), Mrs. Frederick E. Wilson (Beta Beta Chapter, Sullivan, Indiana), Mrs. George Pierce (Iota Chapter, Rushville, Indiana), and Mrs. Charles Cunningham (Beta Omega Chapter, New Albany, Indiana).

Members of Delta Chi meet monthly to discuss Psi Ote matters, and chapters back home, at the homes of members scattered throughout the Washington area and at favorite haunts. Some of the favored ones are Bonet's, the Little Tea House, the Talleyho, and Brown's Coffee Shop.

Pat Mower and Elwynne Griffith started a Psi Ote "first" this year by serving as hostesses at a buffet supper in their apartment, members of Delta Chi and their husbands as guests.

Each year Delta Chi enjoys a picnic at the charming home of Altina Phillips. Hamburgers, etc., are cooked on the outdoor grill on her beautiful lawn.

Delta Chi membership is ever-changing, bringing delight and regret as new faces come and go. Some of our members permanently reside here, and make possible the fine society of fellow Psi Otes to us who only pause for awhile.

GAMMA THETA CHAPTER Speedway, Indiana

OFFICERS

President..Dulce Sawyers (Mrs. Paul H.)
Vice P...Betty Schoenewey (Mrs. Kenneth)
Secretary Rosalie Harcourt (Mrs. Robert)
Cor. Sec'y Dorothy Marvel (Mrs. Harold)
Treasurer Ernestine Neat (Mrs. Herring)
Conductress.Jennie Riggle (Mrs. Thomas)

NEWS LETTER

We have just completed an interesting and enjoyable year. Our chapter has grown in size and learning with Mrs. Ralph Johnson as president. Financially we were very successful, thanks being given to all our hard-working members and the wonderful chairmen.

Our year started with initiation of eight new members at the home of Ernestine Neat. Our chorus furnished the music for the occasion. We had as our guests the Gamma Pi Chapter.

We had a very informative visit at the Indiana State Police Post in October. November's social meeting was spent preparing for the holiday season with a demonstration in gift wrapping. Beautiful recordings of Christmas music furnished the program for December. January we enjoyed a travelogue on the ever-fascinating Hawaiian Islands. Twenty-four of our members enjoyed the Mid-year luncheon in February Shelbyville certainly did themselves proud. In April, Mrs. Nila Heston of Speedway gave us an informal talk on her recent visit in Europe—stressing the personal aspects and interesting happenings from a traveler's viewpoint rather than the historical places she had seen. In May we had a lovely party at Lorene Thorne's to install the new officers before they went to Bloomington for convention.

We were so relieved and happy when



Betty Blase, past president of Gamma Theta Chapter, presents past president's guard to Lois Johnson.



Coronation party of Gamma Theta Chapter Ruth Parke, pledge, as queen and Barbara Richards, pledge, attendant.

convention delegates adopted as their project, our baby, the nursery at Indianapolis Speech and Hearing Center. We, as a chapter, have put in many hours as well as donating toys and money. We share honors with the other Indianapolis chapters and know they enjoy it every bit as much as we.

Our hospital equipment is in constant demand and we add to it each year. We now have two hospital beds, one wheel chair, three pairs of crutches, two commodes, two walkers, one back rest, and a bedside table. We gave money and gifts to the Mental Health Project, a Christmas gift to a bedfast polio patient, money to the Emergency Polio Fund at the Riley Hospital, our annual one hundred dollar scholarship, the usual donations to Red Feather, Red Cross, Hoosier Salon Patrons' Association, Symphony, and helped with the Blood Bank here. We also donated to our new swimming pool project in Speedway.

Our main project this year was selling imported baskets and having our annual "night-before-the-big-race" stand where we added the selling of straw hats to our hot dogs, doughnuts, milk and coffee. During the year we sold candy, pecans, Aire Fresh, candles, had two rummage sales, and a galloping breakfast.

Our pledge service was in the form of a lovely Coronation party at the home of the new president, Dulce Sawyers, with members dressed most appropriately. Among the costumes were Scotch dresses, Hawaiian Queens, Prince Charles, Princess Anne, press correspondents, Uncle Sam, Queen Elizabeth, and a British Army

officer. Mrs. Bernice Robbins, one of our expectant mothers, wore a large placard, "Lady in Waiting." Flowers were in profusion and the party was in confusion when we were rained out of a planned garden party. Our pledges were Mesdames George Jacks, Robert Park, Lyle Neat, C. B. Bowman, and Misses Jan Cork, Marion Hoerger, Barbara Richards, Janet Sawyers, Avis Beltcher, and Betty Wonell. Barbara is a sister of one of our members and Janet is a daughter.

A tea at the country home of Lee Jennings is planned for this summer so that we may become acquainted and to honor our new pledges.

The stork brought a son on Easter Sunday to one of our new members, Mrs. Marion Showalter. Mr. and Mrs. Francis Manifold became the adoptive parents of a baby daughter, Carol.

Miss Donna Thorne became Mrs. Malcolm Host. She is the daughter of one of our charter members.

All in all we have had a most successful year but before we close we'd like to say "Thanks" to Mary Etta Houglund for our inspection in March. Not only did we learn a lot, but we certainly enjoyed our evening with one of the members of Grand Council.

GAMMA NU CHAPTER

Brownsburg, Indiana

OFFICERS

PresidentNancy Agan (Mrs. Paul)
Vice President . .Lois Davis (Mrs. Harry)
Treasurer . .Rowena Wiseman (Mrs. John)
Cor. Sec'y. Kitty Sue Foster (Mrs. Walter)
SecretaryEllene Mahan (Mrs. James)
Conductress Regina Watson (Mrs. James)

NEWS LETTER

During the last year the booming Indianapolis suburb, Brownsburg, has had an average of 30 new families monthly finding homes here. Gamma Nu's most-satisfying project for the year, therefore, has been the publication and distribution to each new family of a town directory listing all essential information for newcomers. The project not only serves as "Good Samaritan" work for the chapter but also establishes in the eyes of our new neighbors Psi Iota Xi as one of the most active civic organizations in town.

Special Christmas projects included gifts to the Indiana State Mental Hospital and food and supplies to several needy Brownsburg families.

Gamma Nu also was active in aiding the school in the last year. Among school projects was the payment of the balance on stainless steel tableware for the school's new cafeteria. We also started a \$150 scholarship to be given each year to a graduating senior (girl or boy) for use in further schooling, not necessarily collegiate. A needy family was also given money for school supplies for its three children.

Miscellaneous projects of the chapter were the sending of a girl to Indiana

Girls State, sponsoring of the annual Red Cross Drive in Lincoln Township and purchase of three Indianapolis Symphony tickets.

The meeting highlight of our year was the April party held at the Brownsburg American Legion Home. To this party we invited the Speedway and Lebanon chapters of Psi Iota Xi and the Brownsburg High School senior girls.

Our money-raising projects during the year were miscellaneous. Throughout the year we sold pecans. We sponsored a square dance at Eaton Park of Brownsburg, a bake sale, a card party and style show, and an auction at one of our meetings. Auctioned articles were slightly damaged and soiled merchandise contributed by L. S. Ayres and Company, Indianapolis. The chapter had a profitable—and the members a hilarious—evening as the articles were sold.

New members by affiliation: Opal Foster (Mrs. Wm.) from Alphi Psi and Maxine Morris (Mrs. Keith) from Upsilon.

New member: Betty Warrick (Mrs. Milton)

New pledges: Imogene Badgley (Mrs. Wayne); Emmaline Gavin (Mrs. B. E.); Marian Ketchum (Mrs. Richard); Virginia Cummings (Mrs. George); Sue Byus (Mrs. Dean); Ruth Ann Cook (Mrs. Francis); Evelyn Davis (Mrs. E. J.); Jean Norton (Mrs. Fred); and Charlotte Raisbeck (Mrs. Robert C.)

Births: Mr. and Mrs. Keith Matthews, a boy; Mr. and Mrs. David Sayler, a boy; Mr. and Mrs. James Gray, a girl and a boy; Mr. and Mrs. Don Gray, a girl and Mr. and Mrs. Don Wintin, a boy.

GAMMA XI CHAPTER Crawfordsville, Indiana

OFFICERS

President.....Bettie Blind (Mrs. Wm.)
Vice P. Helen Milligan (Mrs. Milford, Jr.)
Cor. Sec'y Marjorie Dellekamp (Mrs. E.)
Secretary....Norma Schloot (Mrs. Loren)
Treasurer Virginia Pearce (Mrs. Thomas)
Cond.Virginia Mefford (Mrs. Gordon)

NEWS LETTER

Gamma Xi Chapter has enjoyed a most successful and enjoyable year as well as interesting under the leadership of Mrs. Thomas Haller.

Our calendar was well filled with Psi Ote activities and charity projects. During the year we established the Psi Iota Xi Speech Awards. These awards, to be given each year, consist of \$50, \$25 and \$10 given to outstanding speech students in the Crawfordsville Senior High School.

We sponsored the Montgomery County Heart Foundation and, with Mrs. D. C. Graham as chairman, conducted a very successful campaign. Our chapter gave a generous donation to the Heart Fund to start the campaign. We were fortunate in being able to present Wabash College with a model of a dissected heart.

Other donations have been given to the Indianapolis Symphony Maintenance Fund, gifts to children in our state mental institutions, food, clothing and toys to our local Sunshine Society and donations to our Recreation Center and Library.

Gamma Xi also assisted each time the Mobile Red Cross Blood Bank unit has been here.



Dr. Louis DeLanney, acting head of the biology department at Wabash College, accepts a dissectable heart from Mrs. D. C. Graham, head of the 1953 Heart Fund Drive. Pictured L to R are: Dr. DeLanney, Mrs. Forrest Ward, Montgomery County representative of Indiana Heart Association; Mrs. Thomas Haller, president of Gamma Xi Chapter; Mrs. Graham; Jack Engledow, president of senior class of Wabash College; Mrs. Nelson Watson, Jr., publicity chairman for the Heart Campaign; and Mrs. Emerson Dellekamp and Mrs. James McCarthy, Jr., campaign assistants.

Our money making projects have kept us all busy. We have had two rummage sales, a November harvest sale and a public style show and card party with several Psi Otes and their children serving as models. A large sum was realized from this project as well as serving the public with beautiful styles and an evening of entertainment.

Our traveling basket is still making the rounds and boosting our chapter with funds as well as pleasure for our members.

Gamma Xi has been busy socially too. We entertained our fall pledges with a hamburger fry at the park and a luncheon bridge at the home of Helen Haller. Our initiation and dinner was held at the "Homestead" at Williamsport. Our spring initiates were given a lovely "Coffee Hour" at the home of Norma Schloot and our initiation and anniversary dinner was held at our country club. All appointments of these events were beautiful as only Psi Otes can make them.

We held our annual Christmas card party at the home of Phyllis McCord with a gift exchange and singing of Christmas carols.

Our Sweetheart Party for our husbands was held at the home of Meridith Husted in February. A lovely buffet was served and cards enjoyed.

Mable Layne and Katherine Wilson had charge of the mother and daughter banquet for the members at the Masonic Temple ballroom. This was our first get-together with all the future Psi Otes. In March the officers of Gamma Xi entertained Mildred Purcell for dinner after which inspection of the chapter was held at the home of Betty Haas. This, our first inspection, was a very informative and well given study on Psi Iota Xi.

We were sorry to lose Margaret Schwartz this year. Margaret has returned to her home chapter at Kokomo. We miss her as she was a lovely girl and wonderful worker. In return, however, we gained another Margaret, Mrs. Carl Henthorn, from Covington. We have enjoyed her and are happy to have her with us.

Jean Metcalf, a Psi Ote daughter and member from Greenfield, joined our chapter this year while her husband has been attending Wabash. Jean is a good worker and helped us a lot.

Our delegates to Mid-year luncheon and convention reported excellent programs.

Our membership is growing and we look forward to an even better year than the last.

New Members: Louise Graham, Mable Layne, Norma Schloot, Meridith Husted, Doris Branstetter, Katherine Wilson, Mary Lou Whalen, Esther Hamilton, Suzanne McGaughney, Lee Kirtley, Hildegard Snyder, Violet McMahon, Margaret Henthorn and Jean Metcalf.

Births: To Mr. and Mrs. James McCarthy, Jr., a son; to Mr. and Mrs. Don Branstetter, a daughter; and to Mr. and Mrs. Milford Milligan, Jr., a daughter.

GAMMA PI CHAPTER Indianapolis, Indiana

OFFICERS

President..Donna Williams (Mrs. Charles)
Vice P. .Rosemary Marshall (Mrs. Lloyd)
SecretaryCleo Wright (Mrs. Lester)
Cor. Sec'y Jeanette Walker (Mrs. Burress)
Treas. Mary Alice Northcott (Mrs. Chas.)
Conductress..Bertha Orem (Mrs. Vernon)

NEWS LETTER

We are one year old . . . going on two. We feel we have grown in many ways during our first chapter year.

Our "formula" for meeting financial needs consisted of the following:

150 lbs. of pop corn

Several individually constructed felt Christmas ornaments

50 packages of tea towels

Several dozen sets of wood fibre jewelry

Three bake sales

One rummage sale

Several rainy days (Rainy Day Umbrellas)

This "formula" divided equally and given at the proper time is very advantageous to a growing chapter. This "formula" enabled us to fulfil our pledge of \$200.00 to the Speech and Hearing Clinic . . . our concentrated philanthropic project.

There have been a few "changes" during our first year of growth. Virginia White (Mrs. Robert) and Norma Shearer (Mrs. Richard) transferred to Gamma Pi from other chapters.

Three new members now wear pins significant to the Psi Iota Xi sorority. Esther Lemm, Ruth Rose, (Mrs. Merle) and Donna Judge (Mrs. Jack) increase our chapter membership to sixteen.

Perhaps with a new "formula" and additional "changes" we will grow bigger and stronger by our second birthday.

The stork visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Marshall this spring. The Marshalls' three year old twin sons now have a baby brother.



Members of Grand Council at summer council meeting held at Tippecanoe Country Club, Lake Tippecanoe, August 4-5.

Southern Province



HAZEL GILLESPIE (Mrs. G. R.)
Southern Province Chairman

Hazel Gillespie (Mrs. G. R.) has been an active member of Psi Iota Xi for twenty-seven years. She was initiated into Alpha Theta Chapter at Charlestown in 1926. When she and Dr. Gillespie came to Brownstown to live in 1935, she affiliated with Beta Mu Chapter. Hazel has served in most of the offices of both Alpha Theta and Beta Mu Chapters, serving as president to both.

Dr. Gillespie is a physician and surgeon. They have two sons, Bob, who will enter Hanover College this fall and Jack who will be a sophomore in high school.

Other activities include: membership in the Presbyterian Church, six years as a teacher in Jeffersonville, Indiana, past president of P. T. A., Band Parents Association, Study Club, County Federation of Clubs, Missionary Society and Sunday School Class. She has served fifteen years as Township Chairman of County Tuberculosis Association and is a Staff Aid of the Red Cross Blood Bank Program. She was a charter member and secretary of the County Medical Auxiliary, and has served on various committees of the church and community.

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EPSILON CHAPTER Columbus, Indiana

OFFICERS

President....Lois Ryan (Mrs. Jos.)
1st Vice Pres...Betty Hooker (Mrs. Perry)
2nd Vice Pres...Lois Harrison (Mrs. Tom)
Sec'y....Alice Jean Owens (Mrs. Russell)
Cor. Sec'y....Dana Franck (Mrs. Robert)
Treasurer...Peg Lawrence (Mrs. W. B.)
Charity Treas. Virginia Orttel (Mrs. Vearl)

NEWS LETTER

A singularly successful year was enjoyed by the Psi Otes of Columbus who averaged a marriage a month during the summer and a baby a month all year long, meanwhile completing an outstanding hospital project, contributing time and money to numerous campaigns, and diverting themselves and their guests with a memorable Valentine dance, a humorous Thrift Shop benefit and style show, and a series of dessert-bridge parties.

GIVE-AWAYS. Tops on our list of contributions was completing the equipping of the seven rooms composing the pediatric section of the Bartholomew Co. Hospital. A total of \$3511.18 had been spent by spring, with bedspreads still to be provided by the dedication date of July 26. Also benefiting from our generosity were the Cancer Society, Foundation for Youth, Girl Scout Cookie Sale, Heart Fund, Hoosier Art Salon, Indiana Ass'n for Mental Health, Red Cross, Salvation Army and T-B Ass'n. We were also a sponsor of the Girls' Club, footed the bills for the milk-feeding program in the public grade schools of the city, and donated \$50 to the high school athletic fund from the \$100 raised by our fish pond during Pioneer Days, Oct. 9-11. On Sept. 5 we provided food for 65 at the Service Men's Center, and stepped this up the next night to 85. We also volunteered our services during the week the T-B Mobile Chest Unit worked in the business and industrial districts, and this June we provided transportation for children attending a three-week speech and hearing clinic here. In November we showed up at one of our meetings with packages to be sent as Christmas presents to patients in the state mental institutions and in April an orchid went its way to Nancy Ellis Clay at the time of the installation of the new South Bend chapter. Nancy, a member of the petitioning group there, was formerly one of us and served as state president in 1906. We, too, have benefited from the consideration of our members, Hazel Crouch having donated a campership to the Foundation for Youth in the "sorority's name," and Miss Elsie Sweeney having done the same thing when



L to R: Peggy Stevenson, president 1952-53; Dee Lauther, member of committee and Virginia Stoner, chairman, confer on wall decorations of Epsilon's Hospital Project.

giving \$50 to the Bayreuth Music Festival in Germany.

GIMME. Funds for our contributions came from our share of the Pioneer Days booth receipts—we sold crackerjack and cokes besides charging ten cents for chances on our fish pond of articles contributed by members, from a \$6 per capita assessment, and from the proceeds of our ever-reliable Thrift Shop.

PARTIES. Highlighting our year was the invitational Valentine dance at the Harrison Lake Country Club at which 90 couples topped off an evening of dancing

to Frank Cline's orchestra with a midnight breakfast. Guests entered the club through a doorway flanked by pink columns wrapped with blue ribbons caught with nosegays of violets centered with roses. One column was surmounted by a white tulle heart, the other with a gold Cupid. Joining the two was a blue satin ribbon on which were the words "I Love You" in gold. Over the mantel was another white tulle heart with pink carnations and pink Cupids, and in one corner were white wrought-iron benches over which hung pink trees with red hearts. Definitely different and definitely fun was the "Thrift Shop" benefit and style show held at the Elks in October, at which guests modelled clothing representing their next contribution to the shop. Across a ramp covered with red velvet and against a background of silvered leaves and a dressmaker's dummy resplendent with red tulle and silver flowers, paraded a group of inexpert but ambitious mannequins in a variety of strange outfits. Individual tables were centered with papier mache dressmaker forms draped with pastel tulle spangled with glitter and dotted with 'mums, and resting on sprays of silvered huckleberry. Bridge, canasta, and samba were in play after the laughter subsided. Our list of entertainment also included a rush party at the Governor's Cabin at Brown Co. State Park, a St. Patrick's luncheon at Harrison Lake Country Club, our annual Christmas party, and, sprinkled liberally throughout the year, a number of dessert-bridge parties both afternoon and evening.

The Columbus unit of the Indiana State



L to R: Grace Turner, member of committee; Virginia Stoner, chairman of committee and Lois Ryan, president 1953-54, shown in nursery, part of hospital project of Columbus chapter.

Symphony Society for its membership drive program had as its artist, Rose Bampton, dramatic soprano formerly of the Metropolitan Opera Company. At the concert she was presented a bouquet of yellow roses tied with blue ribbon by Mrs. Robert L. Stevenson, president of Epsilon Chapter, as Miss Bampton was made an honorary member of Psi Iota Xi on one of her previous visits to Columbus.

The following afternoon (Tuesday, May 26) Miss Elsie Sweeney, who had sponsored her appearance for the local symphony unit, entertained local Psi Otes at a tea in Miss Bampton's honor. Special guests included members of Grand Council.

INITIATED on August 5 of last year were Sandra Baker, Mrs. Robert (Dana) Franck, Mrs. Tommy (Lois) Harrison, Marianne Hilger, Mrs. W. B. (Peg) Lawrence, Mrs. Harlan (Jeanne) Scheidt, Karen Schmitt, Mrs. W. C. (Sylvia) Sharp and Betsy Shepher. Two other initiates, Mrs. Charles (Beryl) Dry and her daughter, Sharon, were lost to us when their family moved to Wichita, Kansas, where they are now living at 116 S. Pinecrest.

PLEDGED on February 3 were Mrs. Donald W. (Catherine) Jurgemeyer, Mrs. Arthur D. (Nancy) King, and Mrs. John (Virginia) Kinnaman.

MARRIED to Lt. Wm. C. Jensen of Sheboygan, Wisconsin, at Camp Atterbury on June 27 was Judy Graham, first Psi Ote bride of the summer. On July 18 Cynthia Cline was wed to William E. Roberts of Indianapolis, and on August 8, Rose Ann Suverkrup was joined to Jack Crim of Anderson.

BORN to Mr. and Mrs. James E. Bamberger, Sept. 2, Jane Hanning; to Mr. and Mrs. George Eckerly, Jan. 23, Anne; to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas P. Grady, Aug. 3, Ann; to Mr. and Mrs. John Kinnaman, March 19, a daughter, Kristi; to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Marr, Jan. 6, Bruce M; to Mr. and Mrs. Bruce H. Osterhage, March 12, Jeffrey Bruce; to Mr. and Mrs. Russell Owens, Jan. 18, Craig Randall; to Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Prather, July 31, Richard Elliott; to Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Scheidt, Nov. 3, Deborah Sue; to Mr. and Mrs. Richard B. Stoner, May 23, Rebecca Lee; to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Thompson, Feb. 14, Nancy Hilt and to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Voelz, July 1, Judith Marr.

GONE, but certainly not forgotten, are Mrs. Mary Havens, Mrs. Dee (Geneva) Lenfesty, Mrs. Edmund (Geneva) Munn, and Mrs. Harold (Anita) Norton, to whom we have granted honorary inactive membership.

ROUND 'N ABOUT. Mrs. Robert Stevenson, president, with Mrs. Sidney Showalter and Mrs. Charlton Walker attended the silver anniversary of the North Vernon chapter on Feb. 17. Mrs. Showalter is a former member of Alpha Omega chapter and Mrs. Walker was present at the chap-

ter's installation. President "Peg" and Mrs. Joseph P. Hilger were in attendance at the meeting of the Indiana Ass'n for Mental Health in Indianapolis on Jan. 28. Mrs. Dwight Abel represented our group on the Rural-Urban tour conducted Sept. 24. Evelyn Seward has been awarded a John Hay Fellowship and will enroll at Columbia University in September for a year's study. Susan Havens, who has been on our college list, is now working for the Bell Telephone Co. in Indianapolis and living at the Essex House. Her sister, Annette, has a singing role in the historical pageant, "Unto These Hills," given during the summer at Cherokee, N. C.

ZETA CHAPTER Bloomington, Indiana

OFFICERS

President Mrs. Richard D. Darby
First Vice president .. Mrs. W. H. Snyder
Second vice president . Mrs. L. S. McClung
Secretary Mrs. Roy W. Battenhouse
Treasurer Mrs. Floyd Grigsby
Cor. Secretary Mrs. Val Nolan, Jr.
Conductress Mrs. B. A. Spencer

NEWS LETTER

Zeta Chapter's year was a convention-predominated one; although we had our customary full program, we always had in the backs of our minds the problems posed by convention planning. Both business and social meetings always seemed to end with Mrs. George Reed, Jr., our convention chairman, reading long lists of committees and their allotted duties and exhorting us all to keep on our toes.

Even though we began working out con-



Mrs. Carl Franzen of Zeta Chapter is acting chairman of the Indiana Cancer Society.



Mrs. Floyd Grigsby, Bloomington, is Director of Hoosier Girls' State.

vention details last summer, we couldn't have started a moment later and been prepared for the delegates' arrival, if one can judge by the flurry of activity on June 4th at the Indiana University Union Building and in the homes of committee members. But now that the week-end is behind us and all of our vicissitudes seem minor, we feel ready to plunge into the convention management field at any time, if only because the experience is so ultimately rewarding.

Our business meetings were always efficiently chaired by the chapter president, Mrs. L. S. McClung, with an eye toward keeping the Thrift Shop profits sufficient to meet the demands of our charitable projects. An untold number of woman-hours put in at the shop, our sole money-maker, produced the financial support budgeted for charitable and cultural groups and for scholarships.

Our social program was both diverse and diverting. It included an outstanding preview of fall fashions with members modeling for the Vogue Dress Shop; a book review of "The Lemon Jelly Cake" by Mrs. Branch MacCracken; lectures by L. L. Waters, Indiana University School of Business professor, and Mrs. Vaclav Benes, a local woman from Czechoslovakia; and several parties featuring bridge, canasta and bingo and "come-as-you-are" costumes.

Following our usual custom, we held two initiations. In the fall we received into membership Mrs. Robert Maddock, Mrs. I. Taylor Rieger, Mrs. Robert Turner, Mrs. Ralph Brown, Mrs. R. S. Parrish and Nancy Winter. At our summer ceremony we welcomed Judy Ross, June Graves, Anita

Stapleton, Jane Hicks, Mrs. Robert Lemon, Mrs. James Work, Mrs. Martha Abbott, Mrs. Norman Pratt, Jr., Mrs. William Reed, Jr., Mrs. John Gelzer and Mrs. Stanley Pressler.

We have one pledge, Miss Francey Allen.

Our Junior Group, presided over by Miss Judy Warner this past year, had its own social program and in addition gave us good Thrift Shop and convention help.

We want to express particular pride in those of our members who have been performing unusual public services. Mrs. Austin V. Clifford wields the president's gavel for the Indiana League of Women Voters; Mrs. Carl Franzen was acting chairman of the Indiana Cancer Society; Mrs. Floyd Grigsby supervised Hoosier Girls' State; and Mrs. C. C. Leavitt is the modest but efficient clerk-treasurer of Bloomington.

Marriages: Mary King to LeeRoy LeMay and Carol Reed to Robert Shircliff.

Family additions: Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bridgewater, a boy, Jeffrey; Mr. and Mrs. Silas Davis, a girl, Susan; Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Deam, a girl, Diana; Mr. and Mrs. Rex Grossman, a boy, Frank Dobson; Mr. and Mrs. Eldred Hardtke, a boy, Frederick; Mr. and Mrs. Val Nolan, Jr., a boy, Val; Mr. and Mrs. Edward Reed, a girl, Mary Beth; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Townsend, a boy, Michael; Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wilder, a girl, Julia.

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Esther Leavitt of Zeta is serving the city of Bloomington as clerk-treasurer.

IOTA CHAPTER Rushville, Indiana

OFFICERS

President Mrs. Kenneth Wedeking
 Vice President Mrs. Charles Stumpf
 Secretary Mrs. Robert Barnett, Jr.
 Treasurer Mrs. Robert Epperson
 Ass't Treasurer Mrs. William Ittner
 Cor. Secretary Mrs. Phillip Willkie
 Conductress ... Mrs. Lawrence Clark, Jr.
 Advisor Mrs. Ben Rifner

NEWS LETTER

Under the very capable leadership of our retiring president, Luella Rifner, Iota Chapter has had a very enjoyable and constructive year. We started out in September with a "bang"—the ammunition being a lovely turkey dinner for over 60 members and guests at our neighboring Shelbyville Elks Club. Our speaker was Mrs. Glen Tucker of Washington, D. C., who gave us an informal talk of her newspaper work in that city.

Included in a questionnaire sent to members by our president, were requests for suggested programs for the year. As a result, the committee certainly gave us interesting and varied programs. These included a talk by our vice president's father, Mervin Alexander, of his months of service in Russia during World War II; a pitch-in for husbands, a delightful musicale presented by some of our own members as well as a few outstanding high school students. Our literary education wasn't slighted in the least. We so enjoyed Miss Pearl Bartly of Connersville when she reviewed the play, "The Constant Wife," that we included her in our rush party program when she gave the hilarious comedy, "The Moon is Blue." The bridge and canasta fans weren't disappointed either, as a delightful party was planned for them at our local Elks Club. Everyone also enjoyed bingo at one of our social meetings.

At our Christmas party we combined our festivities with formal initiation for three lovely girls, Mrs. Robert Pike, Mrs. Robert Epperson and Miss Roberta Butler.

Dorothy Doles, our past Grand Editor, came to inspect our chapter in March at the home of Olive Kiplinger. This meeting proved not to be the "bug-a-boo" we'd been expecting, but very interesting and most enlightening.

We are ending our year in July with the same "bang" with which we started, with formal initiation for our delightful pledge, Abbie Kay. To climax the evening, a fried chicken dinner at the Connersville Country Club.

Our "old faithful," the Thrift Shop, continues to be our sole source of income. During the year we have contributed the greatest amount to our standing project—the hospital nursery. Other contributions include Red Cross, Salvation Army, Boy Scouts Youth Foundation, Cancer, Symphony and March of Dimes. The girls also filled two baskets at Christmas, participa-

ted in supplying the Christmas gifts to children at Muscatatuck and gave \$30.00 toward a hearing aid for a local needy child. It does leave a good feeling to know we have been generous in our philanthropic enterprises!

Our delegates to convention reported a wonderful time and were especially proud to return with one of the coveted prizes, one of the Hoosier Salon pictures.

We regret losing Doris Dishinger, an active member of 19 years, who has recently moved to Houston, Texas.

We shall miss seeing our own Dorothy Foster on Grand Council. Dorothy, as Symphony Chairman for the past five years, has served us well and has been an inspiration to all of us.

Marriages—Robert a Butler to Jack Kidwell.

Births—Sons to Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Painter, Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Sedam, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Eskew, Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Willkie, Mr. and Mrs. John Zeigler, Mr. and Mrs. Greg Rieke, and daughters to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Clarkson, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Archer, and Mr. and Mrs. David Kester.

SIGMA CHAPTER Greensburg, Indiana

OFFICERS

President....Doris Readmond (Mrs. John)
 Vice Pres....Lois McCardle (Mrs. W. F.)
 Secretary.....Marilyn Jones (Miss)
 Cor. Sec'y.Geraldine Thornburg (Mrs. G.)
 Treasurer....Elsie Fischer (Mrs. Frank)
 Cond.....Eleanor Schuster (Mrs. Hugh)

NEWS LETTER

Sigma chapter has been greatly pleased this past spring with the opportunity that was given us to "do" the newly located waiting room in our Decatur County Memorial Hospital. Furnishing the waiting room there has been our own particular privilege for many years but this spring, the room was re-located in another part of the building with much greater space allocated. Our committee has worked hard to give to the persons using the room an ideal place to pass their worried hours.

Our Thrift Shop which has successfully carried us through our projects for the past ten years enabled us to do the hospital room, vitamins for the children selected by the school nurse, our regular milk feeding program in its 26th year and all of the customary drive donations.

We like our Riley Cheer Guild work and have had several sessions of stuck thumbs trying to get scuffies made and doll babies blanketed as our contributions. The giving of two glasses of jelly by each member is a little bit easier on the fingers. Several of our girls went to the annual Riley Cheer Guild card party too.

Our fall program opened with a "come as you were when called" party at which the strangeness of attire was surpassed only by the hilarity that accompanied the games planned by the committee. Husbands

and friends were guests at the wiener roast and square dance held at the Saddle Club in October.

One of our own members, Mrs. Miriam Mason Swain, author of more than thirty highly successful books for children, gave us "Two Weeks in the Literature Cradle" for our planned literary meeting. She delightfully described her two weeks in a group of writers in Vermont, where the discussion was on the short story, the novel and commercial fiction.

We left our snowy sidewalks and were transported to the land of Hawaii for our Christmas party where a travel talk with slides furnished the program prior to our customary Christmas gift exchange. Baby orchids, direct from the enchanting island, lent further atmosphere.

Before the Monte Carlo party in January, we again had our "little dinners" which have come to be a "must" in our chapter. We form groups of six to ten by drawing lots at a previous meeting, and each group plans its own dinner, and what menus are planned! After dinner, the groups met for the party which this year had the foreign touch with bags of gold as prizes for the various games played. Decorations cleverly carried out the theme.

The husband of one of our members furnished the program for our "Fun with Colors" evening. An interior decorator, he not only told us of enchanting ways to make our homes wake up, but he brought materials and completed the color scheme of many rooms before our eyes through samples of carpet, drapery and upholstery fabrics.

It was a pleasure to have our Grand Advisor, Mrs. Emmons Hougland, as our guest for our Chinese dinner in March preceding the inspection. The table appointments and costumes of the committee took us further into the realm of the Chinese. Mrs. Hougland gave an interesting talk of the many things for which Psi Ote can be proud.

Pledging services were held at our annual music meeting at which a complete musical theme was carried out in program, gifts and decorations. On arrival each guest was given a gold musical note on which was written her birth month. Later in the evening, groups assembled to make a tape recording of songs and, a musical contest was played in which musical bits suggested colors, rivers, and countries. A clever skit, written by a few of the members, carried the audience through the years from the Gay Nineties, when Psi Ote was organized, through 1953, with humorous fashion notes and comic costumes.

A one o'clock dessert-bridge was enjoyed by our members at the new home of a member at Batesville. The closing meeting of the 1952-1953 year was also at Batesville, at which time we initiated six new members into Sigma Chapter. A chicken dinner at the Hillcrest Country Club was followed by a very clever take-off on the

popular television program "This Is Your Life" at which time through the twenty-five years spent in Psi Iota Xi by Dorothy Doles, now Grand Secretary, the life of the local Psi Ote chapter was shown to the new members. Ruth Hancock, former Grand President, as the "Ralph Edwards" of the evening, delighted her audience with clever reminiscences.

Many of our members attended convention at Bloomington and we were well represented in the Psi Ote choir. We have had a good, full year and now we shall go forward into the new one with "new fields to conquer" carrying the Psi Iota Xi banner proudly.

New Members: Lois Morrow, (Mrs. C. D.), Shirley Beth Shazer. Catherine Joy Moore, Marjorie Pohlman, Patricia Weisner, Betty Jean Weisner and Sarah Jean Bewley.

Marriages: Lois Ann McCadle and Richard Dietz; Gladys Johnson and Don Selvey.

Births: To Mr. and Mrs. William Mendenhall, a daughter, Jacqueline; to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Gauck, a daughter, Rita Jo; to Mr. and Mrs. Carl Schlemmer, a daughter, Carla Joan; and to Mr. and Mrs. James Williams, a son, Scott Andrew.

ALPHA BETA CHAPTER Seymour, Indiana

OFFICERS

President Mrs. E. F. Scherer
Vice Pres. .. Mrs. Richard H. Montgomery
Secretary Mrs. Harold Walters
Treasurer Mrs. Robert Williams
Cor. Secretary Mrs. J. H. Hedden
Conductress Mrs. Paul Cooper

NEWS LETTER

June and convention time closes another year of hard work and good times for Alpha Beta of Seymour.

Our projects this year have included sending a local girl to the Indiana University Speech and Hearing Clinic. We are very proud of the marvelous results accomplished with her during the past two summers. In addition we have provided her with medical care and clothing. We are looking forward to sponsoring a boy who needs speech correction very badly, who is to be enrolled at the I. U. Clinic in the fall.

Other projects we have contributed to are: curtains for the hospital nursery, March of Dimes, Cancer Fund, Heart Fund, Red Cross, Boy Scouts, Youth Foundation, Hoosier Art Salon, the Symphony, Honor Day awards, *Spencer Sage Fund, glasses and dental work for needy children, purchased Christmas gifts for the children at Muscatatuck State School and helped other chapters in this section send a boy from Ripley County to the speech clinic.

Our Thrift Shop has been very successful this year under the leadership of Dora Reynolds. Selling birthday calendars has

become a tradition here and has proved quite profitable.

Boys were born to: Carolyn Laupus, Nancy Swain, Joann Thompson, Ginny Jordan, Pat Montel and Carolyn Zellar. A future Psi Ote was born to Donna Cooper.

Those who fell victim to Cupid's bow were:

Helen Day married to Joe Clark, Shiela Wieder married to Walter Richards, Carolyn Keach married to William Zellar.

In June we initiated three new members: Mrs. Don Steinberger, Mrs. W. A. Thomas, Miss Elsie Cordes.



Our big social activity for the year is the formal Christmas dinner-dance at the Seymour Country Club. It is one of the main social events of the year in Seymour, and a good time is always had by all.

We have all enjoyed the past year under the able leadership of Harriet Conner and are looking forward to another year with a capable leader, Janice Scherer.

This year we expect to take a very active part in the hospital expansion program now being planned. Since it is a large expansion program, every organization will be called upon to work and Psi Otes will be in there pitching.

Hope to see all of you at the Mid-year Luncheon and convention in Indianapolis.

* Spencer Sage is a local nine year old boy who lost both legs in an accident—local organizations are contributing toward artificial limbs.

ALPHA EPSILON CHAPTER Jeffersonville, Indiana

OFFICERS

President Betty Ruth Funk
Vice President
Martha Jane Johnson (Mrs. Wm. S.)
Corresponding Secretary
Peggy Neumeister (Mrs. Albert, Jr.)
Secretary Mary Anne Kennedy
Treasurer .. Bonnie Leonard (Mrs. Jack)
Conductress Ruth Hill (Mrs. David)

NEWS LETTER

Greetings to all Psi Ote chapters from Alpha Epsilon!

We have enjoyed a very interesting and happy year under the capable leadership of our past president, Miss Frances Eastman.

Jeffersonville held its sesqui-centennial celebration in August last year and we were right in there working and planning to help make it the big success that it was. We entered a very clever float in the parade and operated a candy booth during

the fair. It was lots of fun and rather profitable too.

When the cool crisp days of autumn were upon us we realized that it was time to start thinking about our annual Bazaar and Doll Raffle. Our dolls' wardrobes were made by our own Psi Otes and were beautiful enough to make any little girl's eyes really sparkle. The winner, however, had no little girls (only grandsons) so she very generously donated the dolls and wardrobes to Kosair Crippled Children's Hospital in Louisville, Kentucky.

Our chapter contributed to all the local drives and has a new project before us now which we hope we can tell you all about in next year's news letter.

We have had a variety of cultural and social activities this year. One of the highlights was our initiation party in September. A political convention was the theme for the evening. Each member was given a campaign button when she registered as a delegate to the convention. There was a permanent chairman of the convention and campaign songs were sung. Nominating speeches were given for the candidates (who were the initiates). A poll of the delegates was taken and each delegate rose and gave the year she was initiated into Psi Iota Xi, and laughter rang through the convention hall when Helen Ruddell rose and answered "1897." To conclude the convention the reading of the platform of Psi Iota Xi for 1952-1953 was given and it was really inspiring!

Memorial Day was a busy one for us. We all were up early for our annual Decoration Day Breakfast at Eloise Diebel's camp on the Ohio River. And then in the evening we dressed up and went to our "Coronation Ball." Our children enjoyed the morning outing with us and our husbands took us out in the evening. So you see it was a most enjoyable day for all.

Our cultural programs included a talk on speech and hearing therapy by Mrs. Katherine Lanahan, who is a therapist at Kosair Crippled Children's Hospital. Then we had a guest from Louisville who went with us to Camp Honor Bright for a wiener roast. She brought along slides and told us of her experiences and travels in Europe last summer.

We enjoyed having our Symphony Chairman, Mrs. Dorothy Foster, with us in March for inspection at the home of Mrs. David Hill.

Alpha Epsilon also has tried to spread a little cheer by planning a birthday party each month for the ladies in the Old Ladies' Home. Psi Otes having birthdays in the current month plan the party and take a birthday cake and ice cream. The ladies insist they sing "Happy Birthday." They all love it.

The following girls were initiated this year: Mae Arensman, Hollis Hall, Vivian Penn, Marie Murphy, Nancy Kempf, and Edna Gillette.

Marriages: Marilyn Riedinger to Gary Kissinger, Jean Gilmore to Dr. Stuart M. Hunter and Ann Reichle to Thomas Harley Streeter.

Future Psi Otes were born to Virginia Peed and Jean Bohlin. Boys were born to Jean Westerfield and Millie Gilmore.

Eleven members journeyed to Bloomington to attend convention, and they had a wonderful time. Alpha Epsilon was very happy and proud to have had our own Helen Ruddell as Grand Conductress during this past year. We wish all sister Psi Otes a happy and successful year ahead!

ALPHA THETA CHAPTER Charlestown, Indiana

OFFICERS

PresidentEdna Hill (Mrs. Alvin)
Vice Pres. Mary Jane Gallman (Mrs. Geo.)
Cor. Sec'y Juanita DeCamp (Mrs. Robert)
Secretary...Genera Hinton (Mrs. William)
Treasurer.....Nora Cole (Mrs. Donald)
Conductress....Nell Staton (Mrs. James)

NEWS LETTER

Alpha Theta Chapter has had a very successful and enjoyable year under the leadership of Mrs. LaVelle Fortenberry, our past president.

The philanthropic enterprises that we contributed to consisted of donating to the Community Chest, Cancer and Heart Funds, March of Dimes, Red Cross, T. B. Bond, Christmas baskets, Riley Memorial Fund, Community Building, Recreation Fund, Art Scholarship Fund, Indianapolis Symphony, Louisville Philharmonic Society, and to the fund for a new Urology Table for the Clark Memorial Hospital. We purchased groceries, milk and drugs for needy families, school books for indigent children. Our members donated and wrapped Christmas gifts for the children in the mental hospitals.

A variety of cultural and social activities presented us with an entertaining and instructive program. These included a picnic with husbands as guests, a chili supper, a swimming party, a Halloween party, a Yuletide musical program and a New

Year's watch party. A farm youth who was an exchange student and who had spent the past summer in Austria, gave an interesting talk and showed beautiful colored slides. In May the senior girls were entertained with a formal dinner party at the Charlestown House, the speaker being a Chinese student studying nursing at a Louisville Hospital. In June, our convention delegates, Mrs. Edna Hill and Mrs. Juanita DeCamp, reported a most enjoyable trip to Bloomington.

New members: Mrs. Frances Breeden, Mrs. Dorothy Rhynard, Mrs. Jessie Sawyer, Mrs. Nancy Smith, and Miss Sarah Taylor. Mrs. Jane Couch transferred from Beta Beta Chapter, Sullivan, Indiana.

Marriages: Betty Ross became Mrs. Paul Cleeter.

Births: A son, James Clark, Jr., to Mr. and Mrs. James Clark Mack, Sr.

ALPHA KAPPA CHAPTER Franklin, Indiana

OFFICERS

President.... Helen Isom (Mrs. Menlo)
Vice Pres. ..Alberta Chupp (Mrs. Robert)
Cor. Sec'y.....Joan Throckmorton
Sec'y..Harriett Henderson (Mrs. Arthur)
Treasurer ..Sara Brown (Mrs. Raymond)
Conductress ..Jean Gunn (Mrs. Byron)

NEWS LETTER

Under the capable leadership of our past president, Betty Johnson, Alpha Kappa Chapter has completed a most successful year.

Our chapter has made generous contributions to the Salvation Army, March of Dimes, Red Cross, Cancer Drive, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Girls Club Symphony Maintenance Fund, and was a patron of the Hoosier Art Salon.

Alpha Kappa also purchased a T. B. Health Seal Bond and two tickets for the 1952 season of the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra. We aided two needy families, clothed several children at Christmas time, contributed to the high school band uniform fund and purchased Christmas gifts for ladies at the County Nursing Home.



Formal initiation January 30, 1953 of Alpha Theta Chapter, Charlestown

As did most all other chapters, we sent Christmas gifts for mentally retarded children. We also contributed to our nursing scholarship fund which we awarded last year.

Enabling us to make contributions to these various causes, we participated in the following money-making projects: a food basket, booth at the county 4-H fair, two used clothing sales, a Movie Star Benefit luncheon, and the sale of hams at Easter. There were also several personal contributions.

Our members have given very generously of their time to the local USO and several girls have participated in the blood program.

Our social programs have been both varied and interesting. We had two dinner meetings during the year; one was in December, after which we were entertained by a group of ballet students. The other was in May, it was preceded by a very lovely and impressive initiation service. In March, we were honored to have Mrs. Dorothy Foster, Grand Symphony Chairman, with us at our inspection.

Two card parties were held. A most interesting movie of Girls' State presented by Eva Grigsby was shown, and we enjoyed two musical programs. For the last party of the year, we had a picnic for our husbands.

We, of Alpha Kappa Chapter, have been most proud of our Mary Etta Hougland who has so capably served on Grand Council during the past years. The generous contributions of her time and talents to Psi Ote will long be remembered.

Bethel DeMoss (Mrs. Thurman) was our only initiate this year. Transferring from the Covington chapter was Hester Kay.

We had two marriages: Miss Elizabeth Shuck to Jay Bush and Mrs. Judith Kirklin to Norbert Vaught.

Proud parents were: Muriel and Jarvis Alexander, Marjorie and Charles Cockran, Bessie May and Arthur Day, Frances Ann and James Jones, Kitty and Stanton Smith and Ruth Ann and Marvin Fewell.



L to R: Margaret Sutton, Harriette Friend, Dorothy Schultheis and Mildred Lawson assisted Vincennes Kiwanis Club in Salvation Army Drive at Christmas.

ALPHA OMICRON CHAPTER Vincennes, Indiana

OFFICERS

President. Edna Thomas (Mrs. J. Parker)
Vice Pres.....Marie Wampler (Mrs. L. T.)
Secretary.....Alma Hoing (Mrs. L. J.)
Cor. Sec'y..Jane Simpson (Mrs. Robert C.)
TreasurerVelma Hendrix (Mrs. Eli)
Advisor..Harriette Friend (Mrs. Joseph)
Conductress.....Mary Jo Joary
Parliament'n..Mildred Lawson (Mrs. Earl)

NEWS LETTER

It seems impossible that twelve months have "whizzed" by and it's time for another news letter!

Under the capable leadership of our 1952-1953 president, Harriette Friend, we have completed a most successful year here in Vincennes. Besides having had many good times, we have carried on the traditional charity program of paying for tonsillectomies for under-privileged children



Inspection of Vincennes chapter. L to R: Margaret Sutton, Mildred Lawson, Eulah Corby, Harriette Friend, Edna Thomas, Geraldine Houchin and Jane Simpson.



1953 officers of Alpha Omicron. L to R: Jane Sampson, corresponding secretary; Marie Wampler, vice president; Edna Thomas, president; Alma Hoing, secretary; Velma Henderson, treasurer; and Mary Jo Joary, conductress.

in our community. This year there were twelve such operations. We sent a cash donation and more than a hundred presents to Muscatatuck at Christmas time for distribution among the children there. Other

donations included Red Cross, Salvation Army, Cancer Fund, Crippled Children, YMCA, TB Association, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Indianapolis Symphony and Hoosier Art Salon. We sponsored a girl to Girls



June initiates of Alpha Omicron. L to R: Virginia O'Neill, Peggy Steffen, Sally Heitkamp, Claudia Talbert, Linda Arterburn, Carol Ann Brouillette and Sara Friend.

State. We also purchased two tickets for the local Civic Music Association to be given to high school students who otherwise could not attend.

Our social activities for the year started off with a picnic meeting last fall, followed in December by a Christmas dinner party and pledging. During the holidays we held our annual Beau-Husband dinner dance, a most successful event. February brought our birthday party and initiation. This year we carried out a Mardi Gras theme, adding much gaiety to the occasion. Mrs. Wayne Gorby, our Province Chairman, inspected our chapter at this time. In June the rush party carried a "spring housecleaning" theme, with appropriate decorations and costumes. Our pledging was held in the lovely new home of Ann Shaffer. A few days later our formal garden party and initiation was held at the country home of Charlotte McCarthy. The weather man was very cooperative and the night just perfect.

We have initiated fourteen new members during the year, seven in February and seven high school graduates of the 1953 class in June. We are certainly proud of our new groups.

Right now we are up to our necks in preparation for the Follies, to be presented August 27th. This is our money-making project and is put on every other year. It is worlds of fun—but MUCH WORK. I doubt if our husbands and families could "take it" more often.

Marriages: Gloria Beal to William Lenahan, Susan Fox to Ray Fortner, Pat Gillespie to Robert G. Draime, Harriette Grayson to Tom Groscop, Virginia Johnson to George Gardner, Marcia Keller to James Mossman, Irene Kern to Robert Ray, Janice Lawson to Al Nardine, Jr., Marilyn Lawson to Perry Andrews, Jr., Donna Meade to Jack Hall, Julianne Nardine to Ted Richardville, Ann Ruble to Gordon Salters, Martha Shoemaker to John A. Berton, Marie Thorp to Wm. Morgan Lewis, Barbara Yates to Dan Krc.

Births: Mary Lou Barkus (Mrs. Robert), boy; Edna Chattin (Mrs. Herbert), boy; Rita Courtney (Mrs. Robert), boy; Mary Lou Decker (Mrs. Don), girl; Beverly Duffy (Mrs. Charles), boy; Velma Hendrix (Mrs. Eli), boy; June McFarland (Mrs. Robert), boy; Katie McMahan (Mrs. V. C.), girl; Katherine Newton (Mrs. John), girl; Mary Thelma Reitmeier (Mrs. Robert), boy; Patty Schmidt (Mrs. Joe), girl; Mary Gladys Wheeler (Mrs. William), boy; Margaret Whetstine (Mrs. John), boy.

ALPHA PI CHAPTER Scottsburg, Indiana

OFFICERS

President Mrs. Bruce Colwell
Vice President Mrs. Harold Nicholas
Secretary Mrs. Dennis Richardson
Cor. Sec'y Mrs. William Spradley
Treasurer Mrs. Fred Richey
Conductress Miss Rosemary Bartle

NEWS LETTER

This was a year of many events and changes. We greatly missed our faithful seventeen members who formed an Honorary Group at the close of last year, but we saw them quite often at our parties. Mrs. Fred Brodt was a president of vision and perseverance and led our chapter quite successfully through the year.

A very lovely party for last year's pledges was held at Redman's Cafe with Lydia Johnson as chairman. The theme was "One World." We were entertained by the choral group and Mrs. Jack Morgan showed slides of her recent trip to England, Spain, Italy and France. She had several souvenirs on display including a costume of a matador. Following her talk and slides, Mrs. John Lunn, Mrs. Harvey Comer, Miss Katherine Hosea and Miss Rosemary Bartle were initiated.

A blind date type party proved to be a lot of fun in September. The group was thoroughly mixed when Psi Otes picked up other Psi Otes' husbands and fed them a picnic supper at the park. A square dance followed the meal.

October was literary month and a book review of "Cry the Beloved Country" was given by Mrs. Gene Jarrett who had been born in Africa of missionary parents. Members came in costume of characters of their favorite book.

One of our most enjoyable events was a Sunday afternoon tea at Fashions in Flowers floral shop. A guest florist, Nicholas Zabenko, from Louisville made up a group of Christmas bouquets for display and explained how others were made and could be made. Door prizes were these floral arrangements and corsages.

Our musical party at Christmas was at the White Cottage. Our patronesses were there and enjoyed with us selections by the choral group and an instrumental trio composed of Lillian Lunn, Judy Turley, and Judy King. Myrna Fewell also played a piano solo. Favors were little crinoline Christmas trees.

A most interesting art program was given at Shady Nook in January with Mr. Max Poland, professor from Hanover College, showing and explaining a group of slides of works of American artists. With a little persuasion, he also showed pictures of art in furniture, pottery, and textile designs.

A lively anniversary party was held at the home of Harriett McClain in February. Games were planned by the committee which included mixing of ingredients for a

mysterious recipe. The participants in the mixing, Floral Gladstein, Myrtle Wells and Hilda Christie, were to guess the name of the recipe. Harriett McClain also showed movies of their recent trip to Hawaii. Patronesses were guests at the party.

The main event of the year was the Minstrel in March. It was produced and presented by local talent under the direction of Mr. Joe DeVoss. Louise Spradley was chairman of the arrangements. The profit went to the high school band group for uniforms. Neither the president, Marjorie Brodt, nor the corresponding secretary, Pearl Colwell, were able to attend, due to the mixed-up time schedule of Mr. Stork. He was late in bringing Marjorie her boy and early in bringing Pearl her girl, so both were in the hospital the night of the Minstrel performance.

Our inspection was conducted in April at the Community Building by Mrs. Helen Ruddell, Grand Conductress. She brought with her Mrs. William Johnson who had gone to convention with our Psi Otes last year. Refreshments were served following inspection.

The social committee for May served refreshments at the home of Floral Gladstein where pledge service was held for Mrs. Joe DeVoss, Mrs. Melvin Draper, Mrs. Emet Farris, Mrs. Willard Montgomery and Mrs. Kendall Bonsett. All sizes and kinds of baskets to be sold were on display.

The officers' party was held at Clifty Inn. Music was furnished by the choral group. Marjorie conducted pledge service for Marilyn Lewis and then installed the new officers. Pearl Colwell had charge of initiation of the six pledges. Door prizes were floral arrangements in the new baskets. The sorority gave Marjorie a gavel for her pin and her officers gave her a white nylon blouse. She in turn presented her officers with ear rings. Perfect attendance awards were won by Marjorie Fewell, Rosemary Bartle, and Jane Richardson.

The chairmen of the standing committees all deserve commendation. Jane Richardson of ways and means, saw to it that we were working on projects like selling tickets at the fair for the Fair Association, having a rummage sale, a bake sale, the Christmas dance, the Minstrel, and a basket sale.

The charity committee under the direction of Kathryn Nicholas has distributed toys and magazines to shut-ins and sick children, made Christmas baskets, bought baby clothing for a family left homeless by fire, and saw to it that we made contributions to Infantile Paralysis, Cancer, Heart, and Mental Health Funds, bought a T. B. Bond, Symphony ticket and donated to Hoosier Salon and Brownie Scouts.

In addition, we contributed \$75 to the benefit of Frank Lewis, so that he could take further training from the Speech and Hearing Clinic at I. U. We also gave money to the seniors for their breakfast on their trip to Chicago.

Helen Everitt's telephone committee was very efficient as was Martha Murphy's yearbook committee, Georgia Holwager's transportation committee and Jerry Everitt's attendance committee. Rebekah Craig kept the public informed of our activities. Marietta Reid sent flowers and Mildred Richey, cards, when needed.

New Members: Mrs. John Lunn, Mrs. Harvey Comer, Rosemary Bartle, Katherine Hosea, Marilyn Lewis, Mrs. Willard Montgomery, Mrs. Joe DeVoss, Mrs. Kendall Bonsett, Mrs. Emet Farris and Mrs. Melvin Draper.

Marriages: Mary Lee Sweet to William Glickfield, Mary McCullough to Richard Boyle, Roberta Bridgewater to Jackie Jones, Nancy Mount to Eddie Sears, Marilyn McClain to Kenneth Long and Lydia Johnson to William Ritter.

Births: To Mr. and Mrs. John Losey, a boy, John Eric; Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Tilley, a boy, Ralph Steven; Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Sears, a boy, Timothy Mount; Mr. and Mrs. William Glickfield, a boy, Wm. Scott; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Brodt, a boy, Wm. Eric; Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Colwell, a girl, Nancy Beth; Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Thompson, a girl, Denise; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Vance, a girl, Pamela Rosann and Mr. and Mrs. Dwane Moorman, a boy.

ALPHA SIGMA CHAPTER Princeton, Indiana

OFFICERS

President...Jean Eldred (Mrs. William)
Vice Pres....Norma Ballard (Mrs. H. K.)
Cor. Sec'y....Carol Potter (Mrs. Gerald)
Secretary...Carolyn Kolb (Mrs. Willard)
Treasurer...Ruth Watson (Mrs. Ray)
Cond....Katherine Parrett (Mrs. Robert)

NEWS LETTER

The high light of our year was the style show and benefit bridge party held at the local Armory. This year we featured costumes of the "Gay Nineties" as well as the latest styles of 1953.

In the fall we had a very successful telephone bridge party, and in December we realized a nice profit from a bake sale and bazaar. We again conducted our annual magazine sale in June.

Our chapter has made generous contributions to the Red Cross, T. B. Ass'n, Polio, Boy Scouts, Mental Health Ass'n, local art exhibit, and Girls State. At Christmas we presented gifts to all the members of the County Infirmary and throughout the year purchased clothing, milk and furniture for needy families.

This year we again presented our Senior Award and nursing scholarship. We have decided to "adopt" our recipient of the nursing scholarship as she is a very worthy girl but financially unable to pay her own way. We plan a monthly allowance while

she is in training as well as clothing and tuition fees, making this our major project for the coming year.

We have had many enjoyable social meetings this year. In December we had a dinner party and pledge service. Eva Marie Shrankl of Germany, an exchange student attending Evansville College, gave us a very interesting talk at our dinner meeting in January.

We held our initiation in February at the country club being entertained with a very clever skit presented by our new members. They also started in "right" by having an auction and earning money on their first night as Psi Otes.

Mrs. Earl Lawson braved a dense fog for our inspection and dinner in March. We all enjoyed her visit and certainly appreciated her efforts. The hostesses for our March meeting entertained us with a hilarious skit called "The Women."

Don Griffith and Don Thompson, local winners in the State Music Contest, presented their prize winning numbers at the April meeting. In June we were entertained by Bea Woods, one of our own members who told us about her interesting experiences while attending the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth.

We feel that our past president, Patty Watson, has given us a very profitable and enjoyable year as well as a future Psi Ote, Suzanne Ayers, born in April.

Other Births: To Mr. and Mrs. Pete Andriakos, a daughter, Katina Patricia and to Mr. and Mrs. William Eldred, a son, Robert Allen.

Marriages: Ruth Aders to Ray J. Watson, Nancy Beamen to William Ploughe and Jean DeJarnet to Ted Hughes.

New Members: Betty Davidson (Mrs. William) Ann Barnett (Mrs. Warren), Audrey Howe (Mrs. Robert), Irene Andriakos (Mrs. Pete) and Vera Grimm (Mrs. Art).

ALPHA TAU CHAPTER Petersburg, Indiana

OFFICERS

President ..Grace Youngs (Mrs. Darwin)
Vice Pres...Mildred Hornbrook (Mrs. Geo.)
Corresponding Secretary....Helen Wilson
Secretary,...Merle Scraper (Mrs. Denzil)
Treasurer...Kay Eggleston (Mrs. Robert)
Cond. .. Carolyn Youngs (Mrs. Bernard)
Press Reporter.....Lila Miley

NEWS LETTER

We have one business and one social meeting each month. Last August, the Vincennes Country Club was the scene of the initiation service which was followed by dinner and cards. Our Grand Charity Chairman, Mildred Lawson, and several former members were guests.



Nancy Haury, recipient of Alpha Tau's 1953 scholarship. She will enter nurses training at St. Mary's Hospital, Evansville.

In November we honored our past presidents. At a "kid" party in December, we behaved as kids in dress and conduct, Santa Claus came with his bag filled with sacks of candy. In January we celebrated our birthday with a cake and party.

In April, scared, we gathered for inspection. We had known and loved Mildred Lawson for a long time but an inspection was to be dreaded. When the night came, Mrs. Lawson, with her usual competence, conducted the inspection and so charmed us that we enjoyed it. Now we feel we know a little more about our constitution and by-laws.

The year ended with a breakfast and the pledging of Nancy Haury, Jean Dowden and Mrs. Clara Marshall on the lawn of the lovely home of Mrs. Elma Rauch.

Alpha Tau is especially pleased to be the recipient of \$800.00 for our scholarship fund. This is a gift from James S. Boonshot in memory of his wife, Daisy Boonshot, a former Alpha Tau patroness. Our scholarship, which amounts to \$100.00 per year and is awarded to an outstanding and deserving girl of the graduating class of Petersburg High School who needs it to gain further education, is known as the Daisy Boonshot Psi Iota Xi Scholarship. This year's scholarship was awarded to Nancy Haury, who will apply it toward nurses training and who is one of our pledges. We are deeply grateful to Mr. Boonshot for his contribution.

As usual, our charity committee provided several Christmas baskets for needy fami-

lics in Petersburg and Pike County. They found the experience of delivering the baskets a sufficient reward for the time and effort they had expended. The committee took a token Christmas gift to a German family which had settled in our neighborhood this year, and despite language difficulties, came back with stars in their eyes and a glow in their hearts for having made these people aware that we were interested and wanted them to like the USA. We contributed to all the major drives such as Red Cross, Crippled Children, TB Seals, etc. We had fun sponsoring an entry for beauty queen and helping usher at the local fair. The proceeds are used to improve the local park.

Honorary membership was bestowed upon one charter member, Fay Harris.

With Martha Risley as our very able leader, we close our year with a feeling of accomplishment. We are confident next year will be just as successful.

ALPHA UPSILON CHAPTER West Baden Springs, Indiana

OFFICERS

President Mrs. John (Gladys) Howell
Vice Pres. . . . Mrs. J. E. (Rachel) Carnes
Secretary . . Mrs. Garrett (Margie) Connell
Cor. Sec'y . . . Mrs. Cloyd (Edith) Wilson
Treas. . . Mrs. James (Mary Jean) Bateman
Conductress . Mrs. Harold (Jewell) Agan
Fianist . . . Mrs. Robert (Jessie) Dickey
Advisor . . . Mrs. Karl (Lorene) Joehrendt

NEWS LETTER

Once again we have just returned from an incomparable social and business affair—namely, a Psi Ote convention. This time friendships were made and renewed on the I. U. campus with Bloomington as hostess chapter. Congratulations to Zeta Chapter for giving us the opportunity to see the "Glass Menagerie" and for the super style show on Friday evening. We understand that most of the models were members of Zeta and our only comment is, "ain't they sweet?"

We, in Alpha Upsilon, have enjoyed a very successful year. Our monthly social meetings have featured the presentation of the lives of great women of yesterday and today and these have proved most interesting. Initiation services were held at the January meeting for Helen Marlette and Maxine Allen.

In June, our honorary members were hostesses for a dinner party honoring our new pledges, Evelyn Tomlinson and Kathryn Shannon. Our new honorary members are Mrs. Grace Laswell and Mrs. Kathryn Dixon, and our retiring president, Mrs. Karl Joehrendt. Twenty-five year guard pins were given to the honorary members and a gavel guard to the outgoing president.

In order to carry on our charity proj-

ects, we sponsored a tag day, public bridge party, a rummage and bake sale and sold our "dee-licious" hamburgers at the yearly carnival. The money earned was well spent on milk and books for needy school children, Christmas Cheer Fund, milk and clothing for needy families and contributions to all national health drives. Alpha Upsilon was well pleased with their results of a house to house canvass for the National Cancer Drive, collections more than doubling previous campaign.

Alpha Upsilon Chapter has hopes of a new pianist in the far future when Ruth, the new daughter of Bob and Jessie Dickey, takes her Psi Ote vows. Jessie, the mother, you know, is our very capable pianist and accordion entertainer.

Wedding bells rang for Helen Russell, Joan Pinnick and Edith Dixon who became the brides of Robert Harmon, Herman Duetschlander and Walter Adams.

'Eye for now—We'll see you at Mid-year and again at Indianapolis at the June convention!

ALPHA OMEGA CHAPTER North Vernon, Indiana

OFFICERS

President. . Willa Mae Powell (Mrs. Wm.)
Vice Pres. . . Melrose Collins (Mrs. Vance)
Sec'y . . . Martha Thompson (Mrs. Marvin)
Cor. Sec'y . . . Marie Stipp (Mrs. John)
Treasurer Barbara Elkins
Conductress . . Pat Whitcomb (Mrs. Ed)

NEWS LETTER

Alpha Omega really has had a full and busy year, and are we boastfully proud!

Under the capable leadership of our president, Willa Mae Powell, we have completed the most successful year in all our twenty-five.

Before our new year started in September, the past officers had a surprise bridal shower on Willa Mae Huffman who became Mrs. William Powell. How sixty-four girls kept this party a secret for three months during the planning is certainly surprising.

In September, we held initiation services for Beth Stubblefield and Sue Davis, daughters of Psi Otes. A card party gave us an enjoyable social meeting.

Dr. Alan Huckleberry of Ball State held night classes in Speech and Hearing Therapy at the North Vernon High School during September and October and, as we are interested in therapy work, we invited Mr. and Mrs. Huckleberry to an informal get-together. This was held after his class on October 9. A progressive dinner-party, with a big "turn-out", gave us lots of fun.

Our twenty-fifth anniversary was celebrated with a formal dinner party at the Elks Club in Seymour. We were honored with the presence of Mrs. Mary Etta Hougland, Grand Advisor; Mrs. Mildred Purcell, Grand Secretary; Mrs. Dorothy Doles,



L to R: Lavonne Black, Teresa Dugan and Barbara Elkins entertain at Alpha Omega's 25th Anniversary Party.

Grand Editor and Mrs. Eulah Gorby, Southern Province Chairman. The Paris Crossing chapter was present as were members of the Seymour and Columbus chapters. A lovely cut-glass punch bowl and cups were the anniversary gift of the Paris



Charles Helm and Teresa Dugan add to the hilarity at 25th Anniversary Party of Alpha Omega Chapter.

Crossing girls. Preceding dinner formal initiation services were held for Mrs. William Gregory and Mrs. William Howe. Perfection in every detail gave everyone a most enjoyable evening.

It was a pleasure to have Dorothy Doles inspect our chapter in March. A social meeting different from most of our parties was a Sunday morning breakfast. So much interest was shown the girls would like to have one every year.

April was our party for the senior high school girls. We had a large attendance and all had a lot of fun. This was an informal party with games and the girls seemed to enjoy this type of entertainment



Mary VanDerWeele and Olive Byram, co-chairmen of Mental Health Project of supplying Christmas gifts for children in Mental Institutions, check packages.

more than our annual tea.

A complete surprise to all members was the May social meeting with the patronesses, Mrs. Warren Huckleberry, Mrs. Mary Lynn, Mrs. Curtiss Russel and Mrs. Fletcher Dowd, as hostesses. The Coronation theme was used, even to crowning the "Queen for the Night"—Olive Byram. They gave us as a gift, four dozen turquoise napkins to add to our clubroom linens. All acclaimed it as a most entertaining evening.

There were seven of us who attended the lovely Mid-year luncheon. Thank you Shelbyville for such a grand time.

Plans started for our annual Christmas dance early in October, and as always, was a grand success. This annual affair and our Thrift Shop are our two money making projects. Our Thrift Shop continues to be as successful this year as last.

It was early in November that Olive, Byram and Mae Van DerWeele were appointed co-chairmen to plan for our part in the Mental Health project of supplying gifts to the children of the Mental Institu-

tion. It developed that North Vernon Psi Otes were to take over the whole party for the patients at Muscatatuck State School. We thought the work was endless and at times felt that we could not do it all, but when your heart is in your work you find a way to do it. Our hats are off to the splendid work Mae and Olive did, the hours which they spent with the others checking, processing, labeling and purchasing gifts. Over 4000 gifts were handled in preparation for our party. This was no small task in itself. Besides this we were responsible for entertaining thirty-four colonies and having a Santa Claus to visit each colony. Thank you girls for all your gifts and money which you sent to make this party a tremendous success.

Recently some of our girls attended the Mental Health Association meeting in Indianapolis—our efforts were not in vain because we learned ours was one of the nicest parties in the state. We could go on and on about this party since it is the highlight of our year's program.

At Christmas time we donated \$100 to the United Ministerial Association. Again this year we presented a \$10 Art Award to an outstanding member of our local artist club.

A \$150 scholarship was awarded to a senior girl who will enter Ball State this fall to begin her teacher training. Also an award was given to an outstanding senior in the North Vernon High School Band.

Our last charity project this year was a donation of \$100 to the Grey Ladies who generously donate many hours to the patients at the Muscatatuck State School. Equipment such as a portable record player and records, basketballs and goals was

purchased for use in their work.

Yes, our year is over. It has been work well done.

New members: Pauline Gregory (Mrs. Wm.) and Marian Howe (Mrs. Wm.)

Pledges: Frances Matthews and Nancy Sparks

Marriages: Willa Mae Huffman to William Powell

Births: To Mr. and Mrs. Ed Whitcomb, a girl, Patricia Louise, and to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fox, a boy, Charles Edward.

ALPHA PSI CHAPTER

Washington, Indiana

OFFICERS

Pres. Louise Knockenmus (Mrs. Warren)

Vice Pres. Lucille Mischler (Mrs. Clarence)

Secretary....Blanche Dollens (Mrs. Paul)

Cor. Sec'y....Frances Baker (Mrs. C. E.)

Treasurer..... Nancy Wallace

Advisor..Helen Colbert (Mrs. Robert V.)

Charity Chr...Nadine DeWeese (Mrs. Ira)

Cond.Helen Yarbrough (Mrs. Frank)

NEWS LETTER

As all good things must come to an end, again Alpha Psi Chapter looks back to a very successful year under the splendid leadership of our president, Mrs. Robert V. Colbert.

Through the year some very wonderful accomplishments have been made. We have bought milk for a very needy family in our city, gave to the Boy Scouts, T. B. Campaign, Cancer Drive, Salvation Army, Red Cross, YMCA, Polio Fund, bought Symphony tickets, distributed Christmas baskets and bought clothing for two needy high school girls.

Our largest donation to charity was \$350.00 for furnishing a two bed room at our Daviess County Hospital.

Our largest money making project again for the year was our Birthday Calendar, which cleared \$725.00. Our sale of calendars was so great that we couldn't supply the demand. So next year we're looking forward to making it the best year yet! Our other projects are bake sales and rummage sales.

Alpha Psi Chapter was in a table setting contest and won fourth prize which was a very lovely table. Chances were sold to the members and the table was raffled off bringing in \$60.00. Margie Huston was the lucky winner.

Now for our entertainment! In October we had a hobo party in the home of Mrs. Harry Chickadantz. Everyone dressed as a hobo and ate hot dogs and beans "out of the can" and drank coffee from an "old tin can."

The best dressed hobo was Lucille Mischler.

In March we had Mrs. Martha Martin, originally from France, who gave a very captivating talk on South America. Mrs. Martin now lives in Indianapolis



Pat Whitcomb of North Vernon chapter checks Christmas gifts for children in Mental Hospitals.



Violet Hanson helps with Alpha Psi chapter's entry in "Table Setting Contest."

Our greatest entertainment for the year was our 25th anniversary party held at the country club with inspection following. We were very fortunate in having Mrs. Earl Lawson as our inspecting officer.

A beautiful cake shaped like the Psi Ote emblem and cut by our president, Helen Colbert, was a perfect climax for a delicious dinner.

For our entertainment, a group of very talented high school girls and boys sang several selections for us, Mrs. Louis Carroll, daughter of our president, played very delightful piano numbers, and as a conclusion of our program Mrs. B. C. Raley gave a group of amusing and enjoyable readings.

Several of our members attended Mid-year luncheon and came back full of inspiration and delighted with their cute favors.

A beautiful and impressive candle light initiation ceremony climaxed our year.

Transfers — Mrs. Blanche Dollens from the Shoals chapter.

Engagements — Marilyn Grannan to Jim Sparenberg; Barbara Haynes to Tom Wirts; Sally Walters to Jim Neff.

Marriages — Joyce Lee to Oral Frye; Jo Ann Cassidy to Dean Neeriemer.

New Members — Mrs. Frederick Mangin, Mrs. Dean Neeriemer, Mrs. Bernard Vollmer, Mrs. Bruce K. Osgood, Helen Jane Dayton, and Mrs. L. A. Henley.

Births — To Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Wildridge, a boy; Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Killion, a girl; Mr. and Mrs. William Shepard, a boy; and to Mr. and Mrs. Louis Carroll, a boy.

BETA BETA, CHAPTER Sullivan, Indiana OFFICERS

President Florence Williams
Vice President Edna Tennis
Secretary Wanda Lee Hannum
Treasurer Peg Enochs
Corresponding Secretary Mary Hill
Conductress Rosilea Gadberry

NEWS LETTER

Another year with loads of fun and work. We were in business quite early with a booth at the annual Sullivan County 4-H Fair. Lemonade, hot dogs, pie and coffee were for sale, and we had the usual hot weather that goes with a fair.

It was a tea in October for our Eulah Gorby, Southern Province Chairman. We were happy to have Grand Council with us to help honor her. Thanks, Eulah, we know you did it for us.

We all enjoyed the Hallowe'en party but our husbands stole the show by walking off with all the prizes for "best dressed." It looked like a winter wonder land at the Davis Hotel when we held our December party. As always, the true Christmas spirit was with us. Again, one dollar was brought by each girl so that the sorority could buy food for Christmas baskets. Our knowledge of the latest best sellers was increased by Mrs. Emma Kennedy, Sullivan Librarian, at our January social meeting.

February was not so bleak and cold with the showing of spring fashions at our bridge-canasta public party. It was very successful with many thanks to the Root's Store of Sullivan for the wardrobes and to the committee with Ruth McVicker as chairman. We will soon be losing Ruth who is moving to Bloomington.

All our worries about inspection were in vain. Our chapter passed with flying colors. April brought "Mom's Nite" with a dessert course at the country club. A very



President Polly Fisher presents gift to Eulah Gorby at Beta Beta's Tea honoring Eulah upon her appointment as Southern Province chairman. Members of Grand Council are in background.



New members of Beta Beta Chapter attend May Breakfast.

talented group of the Sullivan High Dramatic Club presented a worthwhile skit.

The committee of our annual May Breakfast took us to the Hawaiian Islands. The atmosphere was perfect and complete with a group of Indiana State students, natives of Hawaii, giving demonstrations of the hula dance and explaining their meanings. It was a lovely party and we were happy to have our pledges with us.

The highlight of the year was our silver anniversary party which was a great success with many thanks to the committee and chairman, Jo Steele. We were all taken by surprise when Ralph Edwards (Arnold Hannum, Psi Ote husband) greeted us all and picked Tresse McKinley, charter member, for the seat of honor. "Beta Beta, This Is Your Life" was told from the beginning when the doctor, Tully Emminson, past Grand President, and



Students of Indiana State Teachers College, natives of Hawaii, were guests of Beta Beta at May Breakfast.

member of Alpha Omicron of Vincennes, brought Beta Beta into the world in 1928. We were very lucky to have many of the charter members with us that night. The entertainment for the party was made possible through the hard work of Charlotte Kerlin and Mary Templeton who searched through old records to write the script. Our patronesses, Mrs. Grace Setty, Mrs. Wallace Springer and Mrs. Edna Rosenberger, presented Beta Beta with a sterling silver candle snuffer as an anniversary gift. An engraved white gavel was given to our chapter by the fifteen new members who are: Betty Keene, Sue Mahan, Carolyn Moss, Ruth Woodard, Marjorie Bartlett, Mildred Sullivan, Elene Wible, Nancy Taylor, Dorothy Parsons, Vera Lou Anderson, Nancy Chapman, Gloria Graham, Beverly Gallagher, Eleanor Lippeatt and Bonnie Wagner. We all received as favors, coffee

spoons engraved with Psi Iota Xi. Impressive initiation services were conducted for the above named pledges by our officers and "our own" Eulah.

At our last meeting we absorbed the report from our delegates, president Polly Fisher and vice president Florence Williams, on the 1953 convention at Bloomington. Were we thrilled to see the Symphony Cup they brought home? We couldn't be "prouder"! We enjoyed a covered dish dinner and also the colored moving pictures and recording of our 25th anniversary party.

This year hasn't been all play. Hard work was done on rummage sales, raffles and candy sales at Christmas. Our main charity work was on the 4-H building and Teen Canteen. We all enjoyed wrapping Christmas gifts for the children at Muscatatuck at our November business meeting. We sent Diann Rusk, high school student, to attend Girls' State at Indiana University. Also in February, a Dental Health Poster Contest was sponsored for students of the elementary and high schools. The posters contained an idea pertaining to dental health and care. A total of \$30 in cash prizes was given with winners of the first three places representing Sullivan in the Wabash Valley Dental Contest held in Terre Haute, Indiana.

The stork was busy this year bringing sons to Mr. and Mrs. Gale Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Pierce, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Dodds, Mr. and Mrs. McHugh, and future Psi Otes to Mr. and Mrs. Gene Carty, Mr. and Mrs. James James and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Pierson.

The wedding bells rang for Betsy Ross, now Mrs. Richard Phillips, and Mary Ann Kerlin, now Mrs. O. B. Harris; and the latest engagement is Miss Clara Keys to Mr. Curran Jones, Jr. Wedding to be July 4th.

Our new president, Florence Williams, outlined new plans at our last meeting which leads us to believe we will be very

busy in the coming year. Will let you know this time next year.

BETA KAPPA CHAPTER Bloomfield, Indiana

OFFICERS

President Genevieve Greene
Vice President Vera Jackson
Cor. Sec'y Phyllis Morgan
Treasurer Treva Ehley
Asst. Treasurer Rosemary Campbell
Secretary Ann Kirby
Asst. Secretary Jane Raggio
Conductress Judy Huffman

NEWS LETTER

Beta Kappa Chapter celebrated its 20th birthday this year. Withhold your congratulations, for when you see how much fun we've had you'll know that the twenty candles have been lighted and extinguished in a big, big way in Bloomfield.

Building up to our china anniversary we started our evenful year by attending an outing at Shakamak, as arranged by the Sullivan chapter. Sorority sisters from Linton joined Beta Beta and Beta Kappa gals on that August 25th for bridge, swimming and picnicking.

Our fun continued in September when "Kid Kapers" provided us—and the children—with a barrel of fun. First the children entertained us and then it was our time to turn them loose to a magic fish pond where some very handsome "catches" were made.

Moving closer to our 20th year, we seized upon the spooky month of October for a busy round of activities. First there was the beau-husband party—an annual "pot-luck" affair when the men get a chance to try the cooking of the other kitchen artists—and secondly there was a demonstration of a new opaque projector, the chapter's gift to the Bloomfield public schools.

The goblins paid dividends by enriching our charity fund to the tune of \$67.42 at Bloomfield's annual Hallowe'en Festival. A cake walk, to which each member donated her own home-made delicacy, produced \$40.14 of the total, and the other \$27.28 came from cash votes for our Hallowe'en queen candidate, Miss Nila Rose White. She received a rhinestone necklace for accepting the chapter's sponsorship.

Then came November. In that Thanksgiving month we were grateful to Beta Beta for entertaining us at a lovely party honoring Southern Province Chairman Eulah Gorby at the Sullivan Country Club. We also expressed our thanks to Mrs. Walter Sapp for a very entertaining book review at our social meeting.

December, the traditional month for giving, found us carrying out the Christmas spirit. Beginning at the start of the yuletide month we concentrated seriously on our annual Christmas Tree Project, and through diligent work and many hours of

individual sacrifice we were proud to bring happiness to more families than ever before during the five years we have sponsored this happy project. Again we placed a large decorated Christmas tree in the display window of the Public Service Company, and as Christmas drew nearer gifts of clothing, toys and candy rose higher in stacks around the big green cedar. Cash donations from Bloomfield's thoughtful citizenry made it possible for us to give not only clothing, toys and candy but also complete Christmas dinners. We helped to make Christmas happier for 30 needy families and 20 welfare wards, making a total of 220 individuals in and around Bloomfield. We are grateful to physicians and the Greene County Department of Public Welfare for their help in making deliveries to the places where Christmas was needed most.

Officers of the sorority entertained 24 members, three patronesses, Mrs. Walter T. Brown, Mrs. John Moore and Mrs. C. F. Henderson, and one guest, Miss Frances Killinger, at a yuletide dinner party. The setting was the home of Vera Jackson where we all enjoyed dinner, a chalk talk by Miss Killinger, a gift exchange and Christmas carols.

Boosting our depleted coffers was the very welcome sum of \$83.64 achieved from donations to our Fry-Ryte project. To make Christmas complete within the sorority, individual members contributed gifts to the mentally ill.

Recuperating after a busy December, we took life easy through January and relied on the post-holiday month for a single meeting, combining business and social, to push ahead into 1953.

George Washington and Abe Lincoln made history in February, but their birthdays were overshadowed by the expectations of our forthcoming celebration. Eight Beta Kappa girls journeyed to Indianapolis for Mid-year luncheon and felt richly rewarded. During the famous "birthday month" we were also guests of the Bloomfield Business and Professional Women's Club when Wayne Guthrie, prominent Hoosier columnist, gave an inspiring address at a civic wide dinner meeting. But don't think we overlooked George Washington, for his birthday was marked in true Beta Kappa style at a bridge and canasta party, complete with hatchet and cherry decorations.

And now here we are in March! Charter members of Beta Kappa recalled the speed with which the score of annuums had passed as they dined at Hawkins Restaurant dining room for a birthday and inspection dinner. Thirty-four members, one alumna member and three Beta Beta guests were seated at long tables adorned with the traditional sorority colors. There were gigantic hand-decorated candles in blue, a large cake and spring flowers to give the dinner

that special touch for a china birthday and for a special guest, our Southern Province Chairman, Eulah Gorby. Following the dinner our province officer made her inspection in the home of Genevieve Greene. Guests received corsages, and Eulah was presented with a gift.

Also during the windy month we rewarded children who entered the T.B. Poster Contest with prizes.

Beginning our 21st year in April, Beta Kappa pledged eight candidates. After the pledge rite we finished the evening with a musical program.

Then came another April meeting when we pounced upon the handy white elephant sale as a means of relieving our exhausted general fund.

In May it was time to honor the pledges, and for our harmonious octet we chose a card party. Bridge and canasta were enjoyed amidst beautiful appointments appropriately honoring our members-to-be.

In June, the wedding month, our eight pledges were united with Beta Kappa. There was a formal initiation dinner in the dining room of the First Methodist Church where members and pledges were served in a surrounding of colorful spring flowers. Initiation followed at the home of Jane Raggio. Initiated were Sue Carrell, Jeanie Hays, Beverly Hunter, Grace Matthews, Sue Murray (Mrs. Robert), Judy Noel, Ruth Raub (Mrs. W. K.) and Pat Spencer (Mrs. Emil). Following the pinning, our youngest members presented a delightful program. Our newly elected officers were also installed, and our president for the past year, Irene Price, was presented a gift in grateful appreciation of her fine work for the sorority.

Now bear with us while we briefly mention our routine charitable activities. Already mentioned were the Christmas Tree Project and gifts to the mentally ill, but we must not overlook our Hospital aid membership, T. B. Bond purchase, aid to a needy family, purchase of two Indianapolis Symphony season tickets, and contributions to the Heart Fund, Crippled Children, Red Cross, Cancer Fund and Boy Scouts.

We lament the loss of five actives who have chosen to become honorary members. Ruth D. Owen, Myrtle Jackson, Anna May Workman, Grace Greene and Eleanor Mount have served Beta Kappa well and have earned their lives of ease. Ruth, a charter member and our first president, is our only sister to be honored as a member of Grand Council, serving as Southern Province Chairman in 1941-42. Myrtle and Eleanor also are charter members and have served the chapter at the helm of leadership.

Congratulations and best wishes went to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Finger (Joetta Jenkins) and Lt. and Mrs. James E. Sparks, Jr. (Marilyn Kay Greene).

The stork brought four Psi Ote pledges

for 1970 to Mr. and Mrs. David Workman, Mr. and Mrs. Robert McClain, Dr. and Mrs. W. K. Raub and Dr. and Mrs. J. J. Turner. Sons were born to Mr. and Mrs. William Lehman, Mr. and Mrs. Jack McIntyre and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Finger.

After attending the most interesting and inspiring 50th convention of Psi Iota Xi, we are now back and ready to start a new sorority year with high hopes and big plans. Several of our membership were fortunate in attending convention, and Beta Kappa was most happy to present corsages to Grand Council at the Friday evening dinner. We wish all of you every success in each undertaking this coming year.

BETA MU CHAPTER Brownstown, Indiana

OFFICERS

President...Marilyn Nuss (Mrs. Robert D.)
Vice Pres...Eris Brown (Mrs. Robert J.)
C. Sec'y Jennie Ann Schleter (Mrs. J. W.)
Secretary...Lucile Nierman (Mrs. Joseph)
Treas...Betty Jo Fowler (Mrs. G. Wayne)
Cond.Margaret Schleter (Mrs. Fred)

NEWS LETTER

As we come to the close of another year's work, we feel that it has been a year of successful achievements. This has been brought about through the efficient leadership of our president, Virginia Woods, and help from all members of our chapter.

The various charitable enterprises that we have helped sponsor are Girl and Boy Scout organizations, Polio and Cancer Funds, School Lunch Program, Red Cross, Christmas Cheer, Salvation Army, Heart Fund, USO supplies, Muscular Dystrophy, Speech and Hearing Clinic, World Community Day Offering, food and clothing for needy families, Band Parents Association and Safety Council.

We have financed our charity work by



Officers of Beta Mu—L to R: Mrs. Fred Schleter, conductress; Mrs. Wayne Fowler, treasurer; Mrs. James Schleter, corresponding secretary; Mrs. G. R. Gillespie, Southern Province chairman; Mrs. Robert Nuss, president; Mrs. Robert Brown, vice president and Mrs. Joe Nierman, secretary.



New members of Beta Mu Chapter. L to R: Phyllis Zabel, Mrs. Gerl Furr, Mrs. Claude Allman, Jr., Edith Ann Lucas, Mrs. James Ireland, Mary Russell, Jean Scheneck, Carolyn Quade and Ruth Horstman.

rummage sales, benefit card parties and square dances.

Every year we sponsor a girl from the junior class to attend Hoosier Girls' State. This year Madge Gossman, the charming daughter of Laura Mae Gossman, a member of Beta Mu Chapter, was chosen to attend. Hoosier Girls' State was held on the Indiana University campus in June.

One of the outstanding meetings of the year was the anniversary dinner, which is always a gala social affair. Beautiful decorations carried out the theme for the evening, being the meaning of Psi Iota Xi. We also had inspection this year which was a very enjoyable meeting as well as helpful. Mrs. Dorothy Doles was the inspecting officer. She proved to be a charming and gracious lady as was Margaret Shazer who accompanied her on this trip.

Mrs. Roscoe Robertson, one of the patronesses from our chapter, celebrated her golden wedding anniversary July 1st. We wish Mr. and Mrs. Robertson many more happy anniversaries. She has three daughters-in-law who are members of Psi Iota Xi.

The climax to our year's achievement was when a member of our chapter, Hazel Gillespie, was appointed to the office of Southern Province Chairman. We are all very proud of Hazel and know that it will be a job well done.

Pledges—Mary Russell, Edie Ann Lucas, Jean Schneck, Phyllis Zabel, Ruth Horstman, Edna Furr (Mrs. Gerl), Sally Ireland (Mrs. James F.) Maxine Allman (Mrs. Claude) and Carolyn Quade.

Brides—Miss Virginia Lahraman became the bride of Joe I. Woods and Miss Marjorie Stotz became the bride of Robert Robison.

Births—To Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Robertson, a son, Joseph Edmond Robertson II; to Mr. and Mrs. James Spurgeon, a son, John William.

BETA LAMBDA CHAPTER Bedford, Indiana

OFFICERS

President...Helen Hensinger (Mrs. James)
Vice Pres.... Jane Kerr (Mrs. Donald M.)
Secretary....Myna Stucky (Mrs. Charles)
Cor. Sec'y...Betty Jo Byers (Mrs. Doyle)
Treasurer...Betty Standish (Mrs. William)
Cond...Harriett Harmon (Mrs. H. W., Jr.)
Advisor.....Betty Dolzall (Mrs. Paul)

NEWS LETTER

Beta Lambda has enjoyed a busy and successful year under the leadership of our past president, Betty Dolzall. With our schedule of one business meeting and one social meeting a month, we have enjoyed many social events and have worked hard toward furthering our aims in our community.

We have continued with our two big money-making projects, the thrift shop and the sample fair, with great success. Consequently we have been able to do our part when called upon by the community.

At Christmas time we gave a television set to a shut-in child, and sent individual Christmas gifts to children in the Muscatatuck State School for the Feeble Minded. This spring we backed the Lawrence County Mental Health Association drive for membership with a contribution of \$300.00. Over \$700.00 was used throughout the year to further our speech and hearing work in both the city and county schools for group and individual purposes.

We've had fun, too.

In the fall of the year we met for dinners, dessert bridges and other entertainment that included a talk on a trip through Germany, an enjoyable program given by the Bedford High School Music Department, and proudly hearing members of our own group give selections in prose and poetry.

The most colorful party of the year took place in April when Eulah Gorby, Southern Province Chairman, visited us for inspection, we also celebrated our "china," or twentieth, anniversary of chapterhood. Our entertainment sparkled with original verse and huge replicas of china cups of all shapes and sizes carried by members of Beta Lambda.

Much else, besides, have we enjoyed, from Christmas turkey to the final June pitch-in.

We welcomed eleven new members: Katherine Hughes (Mrs. Arthur), Mary Rothrock (Mrs. Harold B.), Mary Peterson (Mrs. F. A., Jr.), Helen Roberts (Mrs. T. H.), Carol Ann Divine, Phyllis Loveall, Sandra Carl, Sharon Birk, Roma Tredup, Jane Giffen and Mary Alice Hines. We have one pledge who was unable to attend initiation, Patricia Rariden.

Our wedding bells rang for Harriet Tyree to Howard Wynes Harman, Jr., Jane Loveall to Don Elmore and Rosemary Land

to Overton Thomas Harris.

We had three visits from "Mr. Stork." He brought a daughter, Charlene, to Dr. and Mrs. O. K. Fleming; a son, Steven Ladd, to Mr. and Mrs. John Hoover and a son to Mr. and Mrs. Watson Pearson.

Two Beta Lambda members who had moved from Bedford returned to us, Louise McKnight Hoover and Myna Stuckey. We were fortunate and happy to welcome Wilmuth Malaska and Eileen Noe from other chapters.

Patty Pearson has moved to Little Rock, Arkansas, and Jeanne Osborn has moved to Washington, D. C.

BETA OMEGA CHAPTER New Albany, Indiana

OFFICERS

President Marie Coyle (Mrs. Walter)
Vice Pres. Maxine Lorch (Mrs. Basil)
Sec'y. Wilma Corcoran (Mrs. Charles)
Cor. Sec'y. Marjorie Tudor
Treasurer Margie Rhoads (Mrs. Oscar)
Conductress Hazel Dieckmann

NEWS LETTER

Convention is over, and we look back on a most eventful and successful year. At the same time, we look forward eagerly to the coming year and what it will hold in store for us and our capable new officers.

Our Thrift Shop is still surpassing all our expectations, and is our main source of income. Running this shop requires time and enthusiasm on the part of each member. The working girls of the sorority mark all the items brought into the shop to be sold, and the remainder of the girls do the selling when the shop is open on Monday, Friday and Saturday mornings from 9:00 a. m. to 12:00 noon. They have been most cooperative in this work, and their efforts have been well rewarded, financially speaking.

The money we made this past year was spent liberally on community drives and projects, such as the Cancer Drive, which we sponsor annually.

One of the first duties of the new officers was to present the last payment of \$1,166 to the new Floyd County Memorial Hospital. This was the last payment of a \$3,500 pledge for a nursery in the new hospital, which held open house on June 20 and 21. After touring this modern and beautiful new hospital, we were extremely proud to know that we had played even a small part in seeing this building materialized.

We are continuing our Silvercrest Hospital Circulating Library work. This requires two members each week to distribute and collect books. We have accumulated over 1,000 books in this library for the relaxation and enjoyment of the patients.

Our Program Committee this past year

provided us with both interesting and entertaining social activities. In October we enjoyed a bazaar and in November a



Thanksgiving Dance, both of which were a lot of fun as well as remunerative. In fact, the dance was so successful that we plan to have another one the same time this year—the first Saturday after Thanksgiving. Also in November we had a talk by Dr. John P. Bell on "The Adolescent," which was most interesting. Our Christmas party in December was very nice, as were the trips abroad by pictures and maps in February and April. In March the Music Department of senior high school entertained us with a very nice musical program. Then in May we held pledge service, followed by a card party, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. This was an excellent way to become better acquainted with our new pledges. June brought initiation service, which was as solemn and impressive as ever.

New Members: Cara Lynn Anderson (Mrs. Carl), Mary Ann Burd, Thelma Colby (Mrs. J. F.), Thelma Espeseth (Mrs. P. H.), Jean Foot (Mrs. Robert), Anna Lee (Mrs. Wm. W.), Lucille Myers (Mrs. A. Fielder), Ann O'Conner (Mrs. Richard).

Marriages: Mary Martha Raaba to Ervin Eugene Beisel; Judy Raaba to Maxey Bell Densford; Barbara Ann Warmoth to Charles Cunningham, Jr.

Births: To Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hale, a son; to Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Rhoads, a daughter; to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Erni, a son.

BETA SIGMA CHAPTER Austin, Indiana

OFFICERS

President Mary Bowen
Vice President Maryellen Lewis
Secretary Laura Bowen
Cor. Sec'y Marjorie Tudor
Treasurer Martha McClain
Musician Evelyn Buchanan
Conductress Pauline Bass

NEWS LETTER

Greetings, everyone, from Beta Sigma. Under the able guidance of our president, Louise Royce, we have completed another successful year.

As our money-making projects for this year we sold pecans, ribbon and cutlery. We also had a traveling birthday box which was interesting as well as profitable. At Christmas time we bought a Mary Hartline doll and, each Thursday night for one month, members met at various homes to make clothes for the doll. This doll had everything wearable from A to Z. She

was placed on display at local stores for two weeks preceding Christmas. The lucky ticket was drawn on December 6th at a bazaar with Helen Reardon as the winner. Luckily, Mrs. Reardon had a five-year-old daughter, Randy, who we hope will have a lot of fun with her new doll.

Our charitable enterprises for the year were donations to many charities including Red Cross, Cancer Fund, Hoosier Art Salon, T.B. Bond, March of Dimes and the purchase of a symphony ticket. Our main project was purchasing glasses for four grade school children. It was decided this year to present an Arion music award to the outstanding girl and the outstanding boy of the senior class. These awards were presented at the commencement by our new president, Mary Bowen. We again presented a baseball trophy to the outstanding ball player of the senior class. This was also presented at the commencement by Lena Weir.

Each member donated two gifts for underprivileged children of the Butlerville State School for their Christmas party. We were very glad to be able to add a little enjoyment to their Christmas.

Our social calendar for the year was filled with many lovely parties. Two of the highlights were: a book review, "Snow Goose," by Miss Leona Hurtt, a high school teacher, and a very interesting talk about her life in Africa by Mrs. Alice Jarrett who is also a member of the high school faculty.

An impressive initiation service was held

December 29th at the Shady Nook Cafe. We are very proud of our new members, Gladys Williams, Mary Ellen Buchanan, Martha McClain, Mary Lou Taylor, Laura Bowen, Euna Polk and Ova Ward were initiated in a formal candlelight service.

Our 18th anniversary dinner was held Monday evening, May 18th, at the White Cottage Cafe. A delicious dinner was served to members and guests. The table decorations were turquoise blue and old gold in keeping with the sorority colors. Following the dinner, baby pictures of the members were passed around and each one guessed who they were, the prize going to Ruth Nicholson. Martha McClain read the latest news dispatch about various members of the sorority which brought on a lot of laughter. We also had a musical quiz and this prize was won by one of our guests, Melba Gardner.

Beta Sigma wants to say "thanks again" to Zeta for a truly marvelous convention. We not only had a wonderful time but gained much which will help to make our coming year more successful.

We extend our best wishes to each of you for a happy and successful new year in Psi Iota Xi.

To the strains of Lohengrin these girls became brides; Maryellen Nicholas to Clyde Lewis, Joan Guynn to John Creager, Alla Mae Houchell to John Calveard, Mary Lou McClain to Bob Taylor and Opal Law to Doyle Harris.

These parents are crooning "Rock-A-Bye Baby": Mr. and Mrs. George Hougland, a



Members of Beta Sigma Chapter, Austin



Officers of Beta Sigma Chapter for 1953-54, seated, L to R: Marjorie Tudor, corresponding secretary; Mary Bowen, president; Laura Rowen, recording secretary; standing, Mary Ellen Lewis, vice president; Pat McKain, conductress and Martha McClain, treasurer.

son, Michael Warren; Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Gardner, a son, Mark; Mr. and Mrs. Harold Rigel, a son, Ricky, and Mr. and Mrs. Gene Stevens, a daughter, Jackie Sue.

BETA PHI CHAPTER

Shelbyville, Indiana

OFFICERS

President... Line Bass (Mrs. Emerson)
Vice Pres... Loretta Meloy (Mrs. Harold)
Cor. Sec'y... Christine Laird (Mrs. Robert)
Secretary... Marilyn Cole
Treas... Irene Humphries (Mrs. St. Clair)
Asst. Treas... Jane Long (Mrs. Byron)
Conductress... Arleen Blair (Mrs. W. R.)
Advisor... Helen Kuhn (Mrs. Louis)

NEWS LETTER

Beta Phi just completed its fifteenth year as a Psi Ote chapter, and as an anniversary present the chapter presented crystal rose bowls to eleven charter members who are still active members. During these fifteen years Beta Phi has grown immensely in number, and like every year, this past year has been devoted to furthering philanthropic enterprises and continuing the true Psi Ote ideals.

In addition to donating to local charity drives, we furthered our interests in speech and hearing projects. Last fall Mr. Don

Sipe, the Speech and Hearing Therapist in the local schools, called our attention to the need of a first grade youngster who could only speak ten words because of near deafness. Through the help and advice of the Ball State Clinic, we purchased a hearing aid for the child, and we were repaid many fold for our efforts by the wonderful progress he has made in the past year. Also, for the second time in four years, our \$150.00 Speech and Hearing Scholarship Award was presented to a local girl, Jackie Clayton, who is a member of Beta Phi and who was a senior student this year at Ball State Teachers College.

In 1952-53 we established a Scholarship Loan Plan for the benefit of our own members and their families. The first recipient was a member of Beta Phi who was a senior student at Ball State Teachers College and who will teach in our city school system next fall.

Each year we give a "Ruby Kinman Award" to a high school senior girl who most nearly exemplifies the characteristics and personality of one of our deceased members. This year the \$50.00 award was made to Betty Lou Siefert, who we are most fortunate in having as one of our new pledges.

Beta Phi is also proud that it was one of the many Psi Ote chapters who assisted with the Mental Health Program by giving 50 Christmas gifts to the small children at Muscatatuck School, and by helping with Mental Health Drive in our city.

In order to carry out our philanthropic enterprises, it was necessary for us to work on various projects to make this money, such as bake sales, rummage sales, chewing gum and candy sales.

We had very little time to carry on a major money making project this year as much of our time was devoted to sewing



"Sewing Bee"



"Last Round-Up"

Beta Phi Chapter prepares for 1953 Mid-Year

over 600 red organdy aprons which were used as favors for Mid-year luncheon in February. We had lots of fun at our little "sewing bees" and enjoyed very much our first experience as hostess for Mid-year under the capable guidance of our chairman, "Moe" Lucas. Our efforts were rewarded by our own personal enjoyment and fun, and by the many, many compliments received from other chapters which indeed were very much appreciated.

In addition to our "sewing bee" socials, we also enjoyed a dinner-dance and formal initiation in August, a Hallowe'en party in October, our annual May breakfast, and a pitch-in supper in June when our nine school seniors were pledged.

It was indeed a pleasure to have Dorothy Doles as the Grand Officer who inspected us in March. Although she said we had the "look of fright," her wonderful humor and contagious personality soon put us at ease.

Marrages: Gayle Mitchell to Jack Green, Beth Jean to George Brunner, Charlene Phares to Kenneth Nigh, Marjorie Wilson to John Toon, Donna Yager to Paul Lockridge and Janet Ricketts to David Stine.

Births: Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Cassidy, a girl.

New Members—August, 1952: Charlene Phares, Ann Brinson, Gayle Mitchell, Joan Holbrook, Donna Krebs and Marilyn Cole.

Pledges—June, 1953: Carol Carr, Betty Lou Siefert, Judy Worland, Donna Worland, Dannie Bea Wheeler, Judy Cramer,

Ann Reimann, Sue Jaus and Betty Ann Trimnell.

GAMMA IOTA CHAPTER Shoals, Indiana

OFFICERS

President.....Ruth Pratt (Mrs. J. W.)
Vice Pres. ..Lucille Hawkins (Mrs. Alton)
Secretary.....Ruth Billings (Mrs. Paul)
Cor. Sec'y.....Betty Brown (Mrs. John)
Treasurer..Helen Jones (Mrs. Grover E.)
Cond...Rosabelle Brown (Mrs. James L.)
Pianist..Helen Friesenhengst (Mrs. A. R.)

NEWS LETTER

Gamma Iota has had a successful and happy year under the capable leadership of Rosabelle Queen and the co-operation of all our members.

We had our usual rummage and bake sales throughout the year. We also purchased a doll and each member contributed to the extensive wardrobe. She was on display in the "Queen Clothing Store" window where all the little girls watched each day to see what had been added to the wardrobe. Tickets were sold on the doll, then at Christmas time a drawing was held with the lucky winner being Miss Brenda Piatt, the daughter of one of our members.

In March we sponsored a Talent Show, the program being made up of talent in our own community. This was a success and we hope to make it one of our yearly features.

Our money again went for our big charity project of furnishing milk for the



Initiates of Beta Phi Chapter. L to R: Arlene (W. R.) Blair, conductress; Betty Siefert, Betty Trimnell, Dannie Bea Wheeler, Judy Worland, Donna Worland, Carol Carr, Ann Reimann, Sue Jaus and Marjorie (Graham) Strawn.

school term to the first three grades. Also we contributed to Infantile Paralysis, Red Cross, Heart, Cancer and other drives and sponsored one Boy Scout for a period of one year. We made up Christmas boxes for a needy family.

We have added four new members to our group. They are Jessie Sherfick (Mrs. Thomas D.), Violet Hickman (Mrs. Gordon L.), Louise Salmon (Mrs. Roy) and Miss Nancy Marshall.

Two of our members enjoyed hearing "Parsifal" and attending the luncheon as guests of Elsie Sweeney this year. Also, the two delegates from our chapter reported a busy and wonderful time at June convention held at Bloomington, Indiana.

These are the highlights of our social events for the year. Our pledge service was held in November at the home of Rosabelle Brown, followed by an enjoyable evening and delicious refreshments.

Our Christmas party was held in the home of Helen Cropp with a delicious turkey dinner and gift exchange. The tables and rooms were decorated beautifully carrying out the true Christmas spirit.

In January we had a very beautiful and impressive initiation service for our four new pledges.

In March, inspection was held for Gamma Iota in the beautiful new home of Mrs. Helen Friesenhengst, conducted by Mrs. Mildred Lawson, our past Grand Charity Chairman. The home was beautifully decorated with yellow jonquils and blue Japanese iris, this carrying out the color scheme of the sorority. A four course dinner preceded the inspection. Mrs. George Cropp, Jr., guest soloist, sang several numbers and played her own accompaniment. Our vice-president presented Mrs. Lawson and our president, Mrs. Rosabelle Queen, with corsages of Johanna Hill roses. Mrs. Lawson and Mrs. Cropp were presented gifts from the chapter by Mrs. Rosabelle Brown.

In June we had our annual picnic at the Martin County State Forest for the Psi Otes and their families.

We have enjoyed working with our past president, Rosabelle Queen, and wish to thank her for all she has done. Also, we wish the best for our new president, Ruth Pratt.

GAMMA LAMBDA CHAPTER

Paris Crossing, Indiana

OFFICERS

President Mrs. Marjorie LeGrand
Vice President Mrs. Frances Gray
Secretary Mrs. Mary Helen Field
Corresponding Secretary

Treasurer Mrs. Irene Schepman
Conductress Miss Virginia Winburn
..... Mrs. Lorena Taff

NEWS LETTER

We are always happy to see the summer months roll around since they bring back to us some of our members who



Formal initiation of Gamma Lambda Chapter at home of Aleeta Kinder. Back row L to R: Marie Gannon, MeryLee Lurton, Dorothea Shepherd, Dorothy Schnepf, Lorena Taff, Mary Helen Field, Elda Coad. Front row, Frances Gray, Crystal Lurton, Aleeta Kinder, Irene Schepman, Virginia Winburn and Freda Barnes.

teach in other sections of the state. Also we look forward to our summer social activities which include an operetta at the Iroquois Amphitheatre at Louisville and a picnic at one of the nearby state parks. Mrs. Aleeta Kinder is our hostess for this month of June when each member is inviting a guest.

All of our parties are lots of fun. Canasta seems to be our favorite game. Our Christmas party at Merylee Lurton's was a very enjoyable event. Our formal initiation service with Aleeta Kinder as hostess, was in the form of a "United Nations" party.

Nine of our girls attended Alpha Omega's 25th anniversary dinner party. Their program was grand and everyone of us had a very enjoyable evening.

In April our first inspection was held at Clifty Inn. Two girls attended Southern Province meeting; two delegates were sent to convention and six girls went to Mid-year lucheon.

Our charitable enterprises consisted of donations to all annual drives, the purchase of one symphony ticket and a contribution to another chapter to help finance a boy enrolled in Indiana University Speech Clinic. At Christmas we helped with other chapters in making a happier Christmas for the inmates at Muscatatuck State School by sending gifts to them. Also we have given clothing to needy school children and have added a bedside table to our sickroom equipment. Since we purchased our hospital bed and other equipment over a year ago they

have been in almost constant use. We are so happy to have a project that gives service to our community.

Money for these enterprises has been earned by our usual rummage and bake sales. Dorothea Shepherd has helped financially by selling Christmas cards, ribbons and wrappings.

One of our members, Mrs. Elda Maines, was united in marriage to Mr. Edward Coad last August. Miss Freda Barnes who has been with us just one year is soon to be married and will reside in Seattle, Washington.

GAMMA RHO CHAPTER

Linton, Indiana

OFFICERS

President Helen Heath (Mrs. Charles)

Vice President Hazel Gilbreath

(Mrs. M. W.)

Secretary Frieda Tubby (Mrs. Wm. J.)

Treasurer ..Judi Workman (Mrs. Norman)

Cor. Sec'y Marjorie Walters (Mrs. Robert)

Conductress..Harriett Yung (Mrs. David)

Officers' Advisor..Eileen Yaw (Mrs. John)

NEWS LETTER

Under the capable leadership of Eileen Yaw and the cooperation of all our members we have had a most successful first year.

Gamma Rho Chapter is very proud of winning the attendance award for Southern Province and we hope to maintain these standards as our membership increases.

Our money making projects this year were: bake sales, rummage sales, selling Christmas ribbons and serving dinners for different organizations.

In our charity work we sponsored a local Girl Scout troop, gave \$100.00 to the hospital to improve the Psi Ote room and made contributions to the annual fund drives such as Cancer, Red Cross, etc.

Our social calendar for the year was



Future Psi Otes ride on prize winning float of Gamma Rho Chapter in the 4th of July celebration.

filled with many lovely parties which included our first initiation dinner in October, a Christmas party and our second initiation dinner at the country club, which was given us by our wonderful patronesses, Mrs. Clyde Davis and Mrs. Elmer Terrell.

We are sorry to lose two active members, Rosalie Wall, who moved to Hope, Indiana, and Myra McLauchlan, who moved to Chicago.

New members are: Violet Woodruff, Lucy Smith, Juanita Stoops, Margaret Jones, Annalee Wright, Carolyn Rader Gertrude Risher and Margaret Riley.

Engagement: Carolyn Rader to Dale R. Jones.

Installation of officers finished our year and we are looking forward to a very successful year in 1953 and 1954.

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COLUMBUS CHAPTER COMPLETES HOSPITAL PROJECT

Joining in the community movement of the expansion program of Bartholomew County's hospital Epsilon Chapter chose to do the rooms to be used for the children.

Furnishings have been provided for seven rooms made most appealing by washable wall decorations by Dick Nell of New York. Figures in each room have been keyed to the color of the walls, as have the draperies. Although all rooms are outfitted with Hil-Rom's Korina furniture of a modern grey-tan finish, upholstering in modern print differs with each room.

Everything provided is of child size including the stainless steel wash basins, bed pans, urinals, emesis basins, and water jugs and trays. In keeping with the entertaining walls is the Toyland china of

white decorated with nursery rhyme characters. All that remains to be purchased are durable but attractive bedspreads.

Colors for all walls, floors, lavatories, screenings and draperies were chosen by the Psi Ote committee members who selected pastel shades of yellow, aqua, sand-rose and apple-green.

The project was suggested by Mrs. Joseph Miller, Jr. when she was president in 1950-51. It was initiated during the presidency of Mrs. Phillip C. Rust in 1951-52 when the chapter pledged \$1500.00 and was matched by the federal government for \$1130.59 actually spent that year. The chapter pledged \$1000.00 the following year under the presidency of Mrs. Robert L. Stevenson and has provided \$250.00 so far this year with another \$250.00 to be available this winter, bringing contributions to date to \$3880.59.

Province Meetings

According to the constitution, which sets province meetings, for every other year, the fall of 1953 will see the chapters of Psi Iota Xi gathering in their respective provinces.

NORTHERN

October 10—The Gary Country Club will be the meeting place for chapters of this province. Marian Lewis, as official hostess for Beta Nu of East Chicago, will welcome all delegates and officers.

CENTRAL

October 17—The Elks Club of Union

City has been chosen as the place for chapters of this province to meet. Ermel Gordon, as official hostess for Beta Iota of Farmland, will welcome visiting officers and delegates.

SOUTHERN

October 24—Hazel Gillespie, as hostess for Beta Mu of Brownstown, will greet officers and delegates at the Presbyterian Church where the morning session will convene. Luncheon and the afternoon session will be at the Presbyterian Youth Camp.

See You at Mid-Year

Circle the date of January 30, 1954 on your calendar.

That is the date set by Alpha Beta Chapter, Seymour, for the annual winter meeting of the Psi Iota Xi Sorority at Murat Temple, Indianapolis.

Details have not been announced but from what has been made known, the members of Alpha Beta Chapter will prove to be charming hostesses.

Make your arrangements now to attend the 1954 Mid-year meeting.



1954 Convention

Delta Chapter of Psi Iota Xi is indeed happy to extend to each of you an invitation to join our girls in celebrating our 50th year of organization. We will plan to make your visit to the 1954 convention a pleasant one.

Convention headquarters will be in the newly decorated Marott Hotel with the nearby Antlers carrying the overflow. Dinners, banquets and business sessions will be in the Marott. They have assured us you will be happy in their new surroundings.

Our convention chairman is Marjorie Armstrong and her assistant is Lucile King. These, with committees already functioning, are busily planning to make this 50th celebration of Delta's one you won't easily forget. We have saved, planned and hoped for this opportunity for over three years, so you can all see we are really eager to entertain you.

In early spring detailed information will be sent to all chapters. Theme, entertainment and decorations will be revealed at that time. Plan now to come to '54 con-



Marott Hotel, headquarters for 1954 Convention

vention on June 18 and 19. See if your delegation will be the largest present!



L to R: Jane Hormell, president Delta Chapter; Marjorie Armstrong, convention chairman; Lucile King, co-chairman for the convention.



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